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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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BUREAU OF THE MINT
U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

1879: MAY To AUG.

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/MAY

Special attention given to Collections.

Darragh & Co., BANKERS

St. Louis, Mich. May 24 1879
St. Louis, Ind.
Supt. U.S. Mint - Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I sent you April 26/79 \$100.
by my check #19657 on 4th Nat. Bk. N.Y.
for returns in minor coins by Express.

As the same have not been recd.
by us, and fearing the package has
gone to St. Louis Mo. I call your
attention to the matter.

Respectfully yrs

A. B. Darragh

@3/26/79

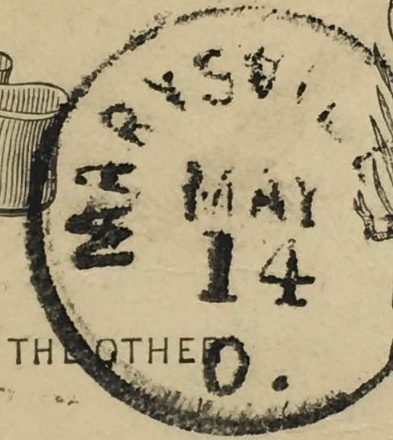
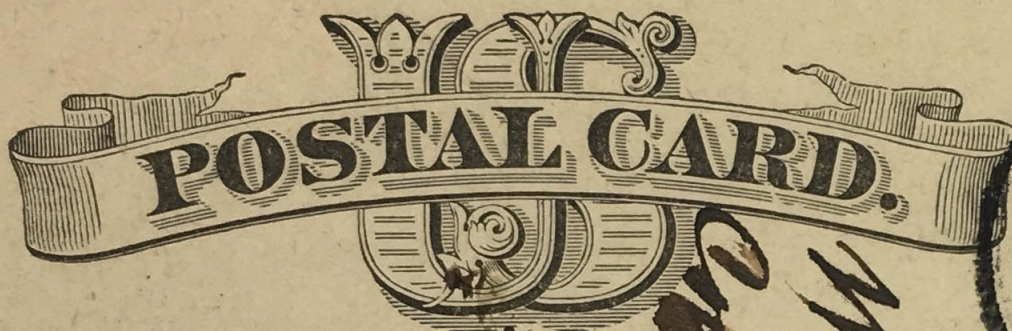
St. Louis, Mich.

May 24th, 1879.

Darragh & Co.,
Bankers.

About delay in receiving
order of minor coinage.
of April 26th, 1879.

Rec^d May 26th, 1879.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Rec'd May 15th 11879.

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J. D. Guernsey
Managers
May 14/79
Philadelphia
Penn.
Franklin
Oct 14
Philadelphia

5/16/79

May 14-79.

Sir

Please can you inform me
where a Book can be had by the
name of (Gains of the World or Coun-
terfeit-Detector) or any ^(other) good Detector
of Counterfeit Coins. by so doing you
will greatly oblige J. A. Guerner
Union Co Mansville O

CHARLES KIPP,
ROBERT M. STEELE,
SAMUEL S. WALKER,

A. B. DARRAGH,

JOSIAH UPTON,
JOHN HICKS,
HORACE H. MAYHEW.

Special attention given to Collections.

Darragh & Co., BANKERS

St. Louis, Mich May 5 1879

Of Loudon Theodore Suph. W. Munt
Philadelphia Pa

Sir: Your 20th ult. directed to us
at St. Louis Mo and from
that City forwarded to us is recd.
Please address pkg. of
Minor coins ordered by us 21st ult.
to Darragh & Co
St. Louis Michigan

Respectfully yrs
Darragh & Co.

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St. Louis, Mich.

May 5th, 1879.

Darnagh & Co.

acknowledging receipt
of letter dated 30th April
/79

Recd May 7th, 1879.

BEST
RED AND GREEN SLATE,
FELTING,
SLATE FLAGGING,
GALVANIZED, TINNED
AND ALL KINDS
SLATING NAILS.

JNO. R. WILLIAMS & CO.,

QUARRYMEN AND DEALERS IN

BUCKINGHAM--VIRGINIA ROOFING SLATE,

FROM THE CELEBRATED

"OLD NICHOLAS" QUARRIES.

SLATE YARD, 2627 DOCK STREET. }
P. O. BOX 103.

Richmond, Va., May 5th 1879

Supt U. States Mint

Philadelphia PA

Dear Sir

Having in my possession
about 160 pennyweight of Gold & Lead
mixed with it from surface washing
Will you receive it as it is and
separate it and give me the
proceed less expenses

I remain

Your obedient servant
J R Williams

If any person whom you know to be somewhat skilled in
judging of such things report to you that he thinks your metal
may contain about \$100 = worth of gold, we will receive it

J. C. B.

@ 5/6/79

201.

Richmond Va.

May 5th, 1879.

J. R. Williams

Wishes to send 160 dwts
gold containing much
lead.

Rec^d May 6th, 1879.

Fort Lyon, Colorado

Fort Lyon Colorado
April 4th 79

Supl U S Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Enclosed please find
5^{~~th~~} for an assay of
our I send you
to day registered
package - Please

let me hear as soon

as you can the true
assay and what it
is with

Yours truly
Chas W. White
Bot Mayor US Army

This is from a man
discovered called Bless
Top Adde - I am inter-
ested in 1/4 of it & I wish
to know what there is
in the re -

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, *May 5*, 1879

Assay of a specimen of
pyritous ore, for gold & silver;
sent by Major Charles S. Witherill,
Fort Lyon, Colorado.

Contains a trace of gold,
say $\frac{2}{10}$ of an ounce, per ton; or
four dollars.

Also a trace of silver, say
one ounce per ton. \$1.-

Mint Charge, \$5. Paid.

W E Lunt Bo's
Assayer

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

....., 18

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Fort Lyon, Col.

~~The Mint of the United States,~~

~~AT~~

~~PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,~~

April 4th, 1879.

Major C. S. Witherill
U. S. A.
Superintendent.

Subject: Sends specimen
of gold ore for assay,
enclosing fee.

Report of assayer
rec'd May 5th, 1879, &
copy sent to Major With-
erill.

No. of Enclosures, 2.

Filed May 5th, 1879.

LIBRARY OF
THE NEW YORK LAW INSTITUTE.

Rooms 22-28, 4th Floor,

POST OFFICE BUILDING.

4/30/79

NEW YORK, April 29th 1879

Dear Sir:

A young lady friend
of mine is anxious to add
to her already valuable
Collection of American
Coins new or uncirculated
Specimens of many issued
since 1856 or 1860. Which she
does not possess.

If you can possibly
assist her and favor me
with any or all or most of
those mentioned in the en-
closed list - I shall ^{be} only
too happy to reciprocate in
any (and every) way in my
power

Of course - before
sailing I shall expect to

transmit you the Value
of those Which you may be
able to let me have ^{together}
with any Extra Charges which
may be made for Commission &c

Hoping to hear from
you at your earliest Conve-
nience and that you may
have it in your power to
kindly favor me and my
young friend in her wishes
I am Very truly Yours

Wm Hoffman Vinters
Librarian

To the Superintendent
of the U.S. Mint

List

20 ct Silver 1875, 76, 77, 78

Any 1874 20 ct of any kind?

The above are specially wanted

1873 Old Style
 \$ / 1873, 74, 75, 76 Trade Dollars

50 ct Silver 1873 (both kinds Arrows - without)
 1879 27 pieces

25 ct 1861-76 (1873 2 kind)
 16 pieces

10 ct 1860-79 1860 2 kind
 1873 2 "
 20 pieces

5 ct Silver 1860-73 1860 2 kind
 14 pieces

5 ct Nickel Full Set 1866-79 14 pieces

3 ct Silver 1860-73 (14 pieces)

3 Cent Nickel 1865-79 (Full Set)

2 cent - 1864-73 (Full Set)

1 Cent 1856-79 & Varieties 56, 58 & 64

Wanted especially

196.

New York.

April 29th, 1879.

Wm. Hoffmann Winters
Librarian Law Inst^e

Desires certain coins
of dates 1856-79.

Filed May 5th, 1879.

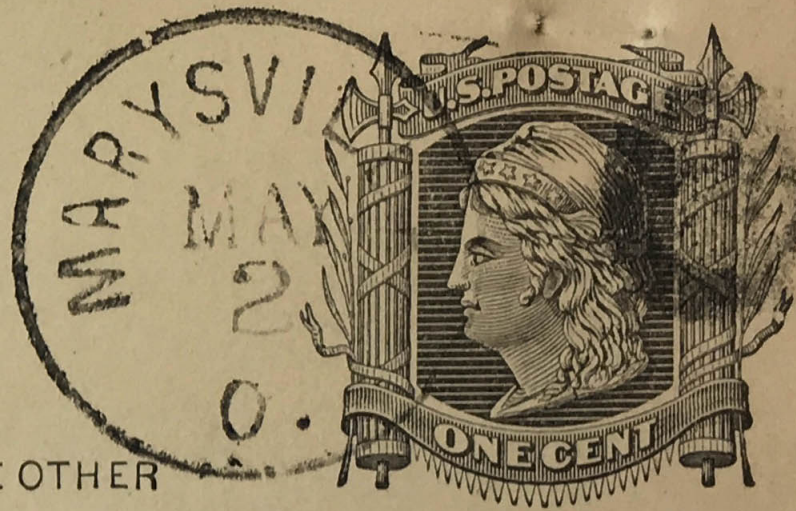
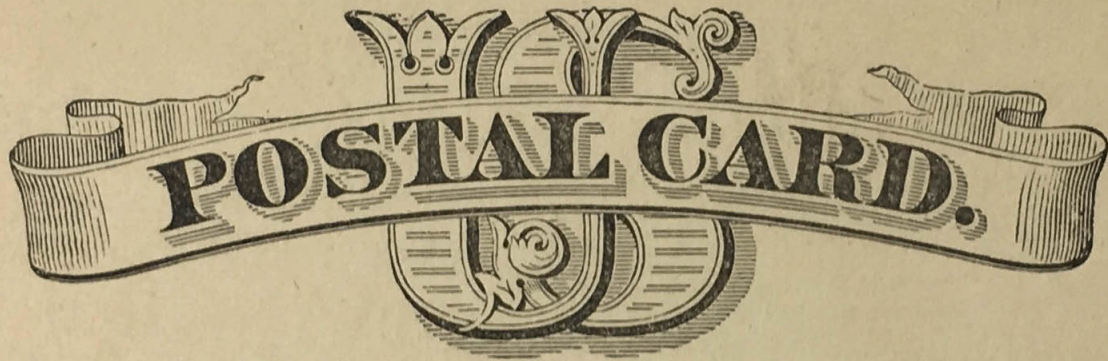
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J. A. Zwerner
Mansville O.
May 2/79

(pilot card)

Wants to buy an
illustrated coin
detector.

Recd May 5/79



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Philadelphia Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Rec^d May 5th, 1879

@ 5/5/79

May 2-79

Please inform me where
I can obtain a detector of
minerals; both ⁱⁿ American & Foreign
giving ^{& value of same} costs of ^{also} ~~cost~~
value of the detector

J A Guernsey

Manassasville Virginia

C. W. BELKNAP & SON,

MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

Steam Refined Fresh and Soured Tripe and Pigs' Feet,

TALLOW, NEATSFOOT OIL, GLUE STOCK,

PURE BONE FERTILIZER, BONE MEAL, POULTRY BONE AND GROUND SCRAP.

136 & 138 Commercial Street,

(Factory at Deering.)

Portland, April 30 1879

A. London Snowden,

Superintendent U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir: -

Will you please to inform me if I can obtain any or all of last years regular coinage with the twenty cent piece? If so do you have any premium for them, and how much?

Very truly Yours

Edgar R. Dow,

Box 637

Portland Me.

5/2/79

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Portland, Me.

April 30th, 1879.

Edgar R. Dow.

Enquires if he can procure
last years coins. & at
what price.

Rec^d May 2nd, 1879.

BENJ. F. ROBINSON, President.

Capital, \$100,000.

D. M. C. STEDMAN, Cashier.

Incorporated 1833.

Re-Organized 1863.

Wakefield National Bank.

No. 1206.

Wakefield, R. I., May 28th 1879

Sir. On the 16th Inst. I
sent you a Ch. on the Am.
Ex. Natl. Bank, N.Y. for \$1,000.
for one thousand Standard
Silver Dollars. but up to
this time have not recd.
or heard any thing from
it. has it been recd?

Yours Very Truly

D M C Stedman
Cash

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia.

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Wakefield, R. I.

May 28th, 1879

D. M. C. Stedman

Cashⁿ.

States on 16th inst. he sent
cheque for \$1000 to be returned
in Standard Silver dollars.
but has not heard of its
receipt.

Rec^d May 29th, 1879.

26/6/79

259 West 43^d St.

N.Y. May 26/79.

Hon J. Pollock.
Supt U.S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir.

In a former
correspondence you wrote that you
had not the available means or
appropriation at your command
to purchase the celebrated Dies
⁺⁺ "Declaration of Independence"; ex-
ecuted by my father the late
C.C. Wright.

If you remember my
price was \$1,000. your letter is now

before me with your offer of
\$300.00. I will reduce my
price to \$500.00. which you will
admit is very low.

Hoping to hear from you
soon I remain Yours Respectfully
F. C. Wright.

255,

New York.

May 26th 1879.

F. B. Wright.

Offers dies of "Declara-
tion of Independence"
for \$500.

May 28th, wrote requesting
copy of previous correspon-
dence. Lebonite.

Rec^d May 27th 1879.

259 West 43^d St.

New York May 29/79.

Superintendent U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir.

Your letter of
the 28th just rec'd. with a request
for Copies of correspondence with
Gov Pollock. in relation to "Declaration
of Independence" Dies, are as fol-
lows.

New York Oct 9/71

Hon James Pollock.

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir.

I have in my

possession the valuable Dies of the
"Declaration of Independence," the
work of my father, the late C.C.
Wright, artist of New York City.
of which one Die (the obverse
side) represents the signing of
the "Declaration of Independence."

And two Dies. for the reverse side, of
which one represents the head of
Washington, and the other commem-
-orating important events in the History
of the U. S.

The medal of the "Declaration
of Independence" you have in your
cabinet at the Mint, there has
been only from fifteen to eighteen
medals struck off. the small number
of which. necessarily enhances their
value, they cost between five and
six thousand dollars.

I am desirous
to dispose of them to the U. S.
for the sum of \$1,400 or even less

if a suitable appropriation will be made,

I hope you will give it your consideration, as circumstances oblige me to ~~defer~~ part with them.

It would only a slight acknowledgement of the Artists ~~thus~~ for the Government to purchase them, as undoubtedly this work of Art is still at the head of this kind.

I am Very Respectfully Yours
F. C. Wright.

In answer to the above I received the following letter

Mint of the U.S.

Phila Oct 30/71.

Dear Sir.

I have carefully considered your proposition in regard to the Independence Medal Dies.

I am sorry to find they

are so large, as few persons care, or can afford, to buy medals of such a size. The only chance we should have of turning them to account, would be in the centennial celebration, which however is nearly five years off. So far as the Mint is concerned I would much prefer you should retain the Dies until the time drew near, and indeed, that would be your best policy.

I would not feel justified in offering more than three hundred dollars for the Dies, and can not even do that without the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, and a special appropriation by Congress, I submit this for your consideration.

Very respectfully Yours
Signed Jas Pollock
Director

The answer I sent Gov Pollock was
as follows

N.Y. Nov 2/1.

Hon James Pollock.

Director, U.S. Mint

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the
30th inst.

The Dies cost a great
deal more money, by many times
than I can hope to realize from
them now, I feel inclined to retain
the Dies, at your suggestion, until
the Centennial Celebration,

Thanking you for your
kindness, and with the hope that
the Secretary of the Treasury may
feel disposed to offer \$1,000 for this
valuable work of Art, believe ^{me} to

Remain. Very Respectfully Yours.
F. C. Wright.

The foregoing is the entire correspondence, but I called on Mr Pollock in the Summer of 1876. in relation to the Dies, and he referred me to Dr Linderman, who wrote to me that he had not sufficient appropriation, to buy them at the time "but that the Government ought to possess them, and would ask for an appropriation next Congress."

I have never heard anything since and now write you,

Sincerely trusting that the low price, I offer the Dies at, will be an inducement, for the Government to possess them, I remain Yours

Very Respectfully
F. C. Wright.

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New York.

May 29th, 1879.

F. B. Wright

~~Enclosing~~ ^(copy) of
Correspondence with Jas.
Pollock, late Supt of this
Mint, in regard to the
dies of Declaration of
Independence Medal.

Rec^d May 31st, 1879.

Office of The People,

ENOS B. REED, Editor and Proprietor.

Corner Meridian and Circle Streets,

Indianapolis, May 2^d 1879.

Col. A. Andrew Snowden,

Director U.S. Mint,

Dear Sir: — I am preparing for publication a comprehensive popular article on our American money — paper, currency and specie — and such an article would hardly be complete unless a generous paragraph or chapter were devoted to a brief sketch of the U.S. Mint, its origin, work and present condition, and to its Cabinet of Coins. Several years ago, I prepared a similar article for the Chicago Times, but I desire, now that we have specie payments and hear the jingle of metal money, to elaborate and improve the present article. At the time of the preparation of the former article (4 years ago) Gov. Pollock wrote me a historical sketch of the Cabinet of Coins & Medals, for use in my article, covering many points of information. As many changes occur in history within (4) years in this fast age, permit me to ask of you a similar sketch, covering generally information on the following

points, viz: Cabinet.

- 1- No. of pieces in your Cabinet of Coins & medals.
- 2- Value of same.
- 3- Oldest piece, and its history.
- 4- History of other rarest pieces - dates, &c.
- 5- Oldest silver piece, its date of origin, value, &c.
- 6- " gold " " " " " " "
- 7- Descriptions and facts about any other rare pieces.
- 8- What coins of modern Countries are in the collection.
- 9- How many different coins U.S. have issued since first.

Mint Statistics.

1. ~~Total~~ First metal money coinage U.S.
2. First gold coinage - ~~the~~ value, &c per piece
3. " silver " " " " "
- 4 - Total gold " to date by U.S.
- 5 - " silver " " " " "
- 6 - Grand total coin & bars, gold & silver to date.
- 7 - Total metal coinage past 5 years in U.S.
- 8 - " " " " / " " "
- 9 - Approximate value Mint buildings & machinery and other property connected with U.S. Mints.
- 10 - Total no. persons employed in Phil^a Mint.
- 11 - " " " " " all U.S. Mints.

I presume much of this information can be found in printed material at your hands, Official reports, &c., of Mint. Should ~~you please let me know~~ if you oblige me with information requested, I shall be pleased to forward you copy of the article when published. I refer you to Col. J. W. Forney of Progress, Mr. E. M. Pherson of Press, and Col. Fitzgerald of Item, all of whom know me. Yours very truly,

P.S. - Please address me P.O. Box 205.) J. Q. Thompson.
Journalist.

May 5. 1879.

For a Reply to Mr J. Q. Thompson.

1. The present number of pieces, in the Mint Cabinet of Coins and Medals:

Gold	1052
Silver	3130
Billon (base silver)	210
Copper	857
Bronze	1196
Nickel	71
Aluminium, glass &c.	35
Coins	6551
Medals	975
	7526

2. The cost of these was \$9327. - But many pieces were presented; and most of them are of higher value than the cost; in some cases, immensely so. Some pieces which cost almost nothing, would now bring 500 to 1000 dol. each. The market value of the whole cannot be stated; probably not under \$30,000.

This does not include the minerals, which cost 2617 dollars, and are worth more.

3.⁴⁵ The oldest piece is considered to be the silver coin of Aegina (Greek) say B.C. 700. It has no reverse, except the stake-marks.

6. Oldest gold coin, the daric (of Darius, Persia) about 520 B.C.
7. The rare pieces are so many, that we cannot take time even to name them.
8. Every modern nation is ^{largely} fully represented in the collection.

First U.S. gold coinage, 1795.

First " Silver " 1794.

The last Annual Report of the Mint, will furnish replies to other points, and is sent herewith.

Nos. 9 and 10 of his second schedule cannot be answered. The number of persons employed, varies from time to time.

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Indianapolis,
May 2nd, 1879.

J. Q. Thompson,
Journalist.

asks many questions
about the cabinet of
the Mint, with the
intention of publishing
an article on the same

also notes of W. E. Bur
Prois, Assayer, answering
some of the questions in
Mr. Thompson's letter.

Recd May 5th, 1879.

Geo. Taylor,

Attorney-at-Law,

PRACTICES IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States, Court of Claims, and prosecutes Claims before the Departments,
No. 710 E Street,

Washington, D. C., May 2^d 1879

Address Lock Box 142.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find
a small lot Gold bullion. Have
the kindness to return value to me
It is from Kelley Mine Va.

Respectfully

Geo. Taylor

No. 586.

ounces 19.90

To

W. L. Snowden Esq

Superintendent of

U. S. Mint

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Washington, D.C.
May 2nd, 1879.

Lzo. Taylor.

accompanying parcel
of gold bullion from
Kelly mine Ar. ~~no~~

received by Express &
turned over to Mr. Thomp-
son.

Recd May 3rd, 1879.



May 2

1879

Director Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Dear Sir.

I have a lot of
mexican & other foreign Coins
& wish to have them recoured
into U.S. money or sell them
to you, will you please be so
kind as to reply to me with
particulars &c &

Obliged Yrs Truly
J. A. Payne

25/5/79

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Knoxville, Tenn.

May 2nd, 1879

J. A. Payne.

Wishes to send Mexican
& other silver money for
recoinage.

Recd May 5th, 1879.

Salem May 3^d/79
To the Superintendent -
of U.S. Mint.

Sir.

Please send me a list -
of the pieces included in 1879
proof sets, and prices.

I send stamps for the amount
due you an account of postage
on the last proofs you sent.

Thanks for past favours.
I am yours Respectfully
Chas H Bennett
282 Corey St -
Salem Mass

@3/6/79

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Salem, Mass.

May 2nd, 1879.

Charles H. Bennett.

Encloses postage for pack-
age of proof coins. Asks
for list & prices of those
for 1879.

Rec^d May 6th, 1879.

OFFICE OF

MARCUS GOODMAN,
WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELRY,

111 BEALE ST.

Spectacles to suit any Eye.
Repairing of Fine Watches a Specialty.

MEMPHIS, TENN. May 5th 1879

5/8/79 U.S. Mint

Philadelphia
Pa

Gento

Will you be kind
enough to inform me in how small
quantities you buy old Gold and also
Silver. And in what shape to
send it, in scraps or melted in
lumps. I enclosed stamped
envelope by giving me above
information you will oblige

Respectfully yours

M. Goodman

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Memphis, Tenn.

May 5th, 1879.

Mr. Goodman.

Enquires in how small
quantity old gold & silver
will be bought.

Rec^d May 8th, 1879

London Ohio May 3/79

Mr. A. D. Snowden.
Dear Sir.

I herewith send you \$2.⁰⁰

as requested in yours of May
2^d/79. You will please attend to assay
just as soon as possible and Very
much oblige Respectfully Yours.

J. O. Wolf
W.

Result of assay, sample B -

$$468/1000 = 11 \frac{8}{32} \text{ Kar.}$$

R.

$$463/1000 = 11 \frac{4}{32} "$$

sent by Assayer some days ago, & repeated
May 12th

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Cleveland, May 5th/79.

Joseph Welf.

Encloses \$2 assay fee.
I enquires result of assay
of two samples of gold
previously sent.

Rec^d May 12th, 1879.

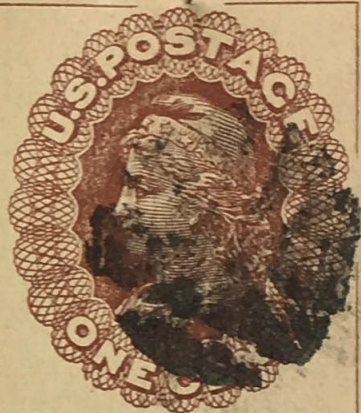
05/6/79
Supt. Mint U.S. Prov. R.I., ~~May 5~~ 1879.

Sir — Will you send
me a list of the pieces composing
the Proof Set of Sil. & Trin. coins for
1879, also price for same. Hoping
to hear from you soon, I remain,
Very Resp'y.

Chas. R. I. Goddard
566 High St. Prov. R. I.

United States

POSTAL CARD.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

To Print of the U.S.
Philadelphia
Penn.

Recd May 6th, 1879.

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Chas. R. J. Goddard
Providence R.I.
May 5/79

Wants list and
prices of prof. com.

Recd May 6/79

Over

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, May 5, 1879.

Sir,

I beg to inclose herein Minor Coin
redemption certificate No. 598, favor E. H.
Cornell, Treasurer, for \$199 ⁹⁵/₁₀₀.

Mr Cornell returns check remitted
him for above amount with the statement
that he believes the matter to be an error,
as he has no record of having delivered
that amount at the Mint. I will thank
you to examine and advise, returning cer-
tificate.

Very respectfully,

Laurence

Treasurer U. S.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

@ 5/6/79

Washington, D. C.

May 5th, 1879.

James Gilfillan,
Treasurer.

Encloses minor coin redemption certificate 598, in favor of E. H. Cornell, Treasurer for \$199.95, believing the same to have issued in error.

Recd May 6th, 1879.

Office of Lord & Robinson,

Nos. 88 and 90 LOMBARD STREET,

Baltimore, Md., May 5th 1879

Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I have quite a quantity
of Mexican & Spanish Silver dollars.
What are they worth and how
do I proceed to dispose of them
to you?

Your prompt reply will oblige

Yours Respy

E. Packham
Care Lord & Robinson
Baltimore

@ 5/6/79

Baltimore, Md.

May 5th, 1879.

E. Packham

Wishes to dispose of Mexican
& Spanish dollars.

Rec^d May 6th, 1879.



Corner of Fulton & Washington Sts.
193 to 199 Washington & 198 Greenwich Sts.

300 Well Heated, Ventilated and
Furnished Rooms 50¢ & upward per Night.

New York May 6 1879

Estimated Sir -

Permit me to ask whether
half dollar pieces of '52, and whole
dollars (Silver) of 1838, 32, 51, 52
and 58 can be had, in fair condition,
and at what price - a limited
number only of each - For reply by
return mail would be obliged

Very respectfully

(or either of them)

(Ad - as above)

5/7/79

To the Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia - Pa.

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New York.

May 6th, 1879.

P. Asher:

Asks for silver coins
of various dates, 1832
to 1858.

Rec^d May 7th, 1879.

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "First Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

H.C.S.

Treasury Department,

FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

May 6, 1879.

Sir:

Your attention is called to voucher No. 85, in your account of Ordinary Expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 1879, for "serving dinners and lunches for annual Army Commission, \$606.21," which is certified as correct by H.C. Hickok, Chief Clerk. You will please inform this office by what authority of law this expenditure was made.

Respectfully

W. A. Rynolds

Auditor

Hon. James Pollock

late Supt. U.S. Mint

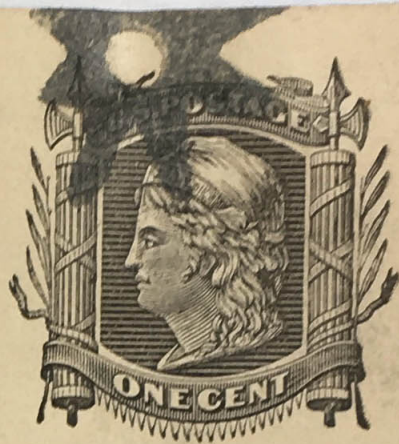
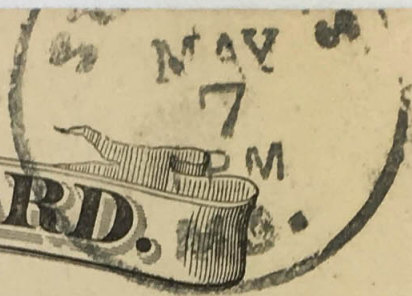
Philadelphia, Pa

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First Auditor
Reading Department
(R. M. Reynolds.)
May 6. 1879

Enquiries by what
authority of last
voucher No. 85. Ordly
Exp. 7/2 Quarts Indig
Mch 31/79 was paid
(Annual Assg Dinner.)
Feb 1879.

Recd May 7/79



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Superintendent of U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Recd May 9th 1879.

St Louis. Mo. 5-7-79.

Dear Sir.

Please send a copy
of the latest official mint
report.

Yours Resp't.

5/9/79 A. Perry.

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A. Perry
St. Louis, Mo.
May 7/79

(per lat card)

Wants Copy of
last Annual Report

Recd May 9/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 8, 1879.

Sir:

In view of the representations submitted in your communication of the 7th inst., that the workmen at your Mint had been paid for the month of April before my letter of the 29th ult. was reached you, and that they accepted the compensation paid them without objection, and that it would be embarrassing to you and injurious to the morale of the service to change the same after payment had been made, I have decided to approve the changes in compensation referred to to take effect on the 1st ult.

A. Loudon, Groverden, Eng.

Supt. Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio G. Burdett
Director.

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Washington D. C.
May 8th, 1879.

Horatio C. Burdick.

Approves changes in compensation to take effect on 1st ult., as according to pay rolls forwarded for April.

Recd May 9th, 1879.

Anton Chico New Mexico
May 9th 1879

Mr Manager
of A S Minter &

1639 will you be
kind enough to let me know what
the Mexican dollar is worth with you
I have some on hand and expect to go
East same time this summer and ~~can~~
take along what I have just as well as
not - would be pleased if you will
let me hear from you soon stating
what you will allow me for each
Mexican dollar that I may take to
you. by my knowing just what I
can get I could buy some to take
along with what I have if it would be
an object to me. Trusting you will
do me the favor I mention your
very respectfully Samuel Bowdoy

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Anton Chico,

New Mexico.

May 9th, 1879.

Samuel Bowley.

Enquires present value of
Mexican Dollars.

Rec^d May 16th, 1879.

The First National Bank

Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, \$30,000.

J. M. GOULD, President.
CHAS. ATKINSON, Vice Prest.
J. S. GILMORE, Cashier.

Moline, Ill. May 9 1879

Sir:

Your of January 2nd is recd.
We have no doubt the
method of counting at the mint
is ordinarily accurate, but the short-
age referred to in one of the 28th
is not the first occurrence of
the kind so far as we are concerned,
a bag of Nickels recd May 20/78
was short \$12⁰⁰. We advised Mr.
Pollock of the shortage and were
very bluntly informed that the
mint was infallible.

As you suggest we send
by email today for your inspection.
the bags, tags, seals, and strings.

When it was discovered that
this bag was short it was care-
fully recounted three times, we
are fully satisfied as to the
correctness of our count, and are

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J. M. GOULD, President.
CHAS. ATKINSON, Vice Prest.
J. S. GILLMORE, Cashier.

Moline, Ill.

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willing to make certificate to
that effect in any form de-
sired.

Very Respy
J. M. Gould

Wm. A. Landon Treasurer
Supt. of S. I. Dist
Philadelphia Pa.

The bags go by mail as per chan-
dise

Molina, Ill
May 9/79

J. S. Gillmore
Cas

Sends by mail
bags, tag, seal and
strings to help in
investigation of things
in mine coming out

Adams Express Company

Pennsylvania Division.
Central Express.
New Jersey Express Company.

Superintendent's Office,

622 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, 9th May 1879.

F. Lovejoy
Superintendent.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th inst. regarding the payments, in currency, made to this Company for the transportation of gold and silver during the period from December 1861 to June 1873 inclusive.

In 1861, when our first bill was presented, the officers of the Mint declined to pay for the transportation of gold in kind as was provided for in the then existing contract, and proffered us greenbacks in lieu of gold which offer was rejected by the Superintendent of this Company; and Mr. Thompson — who had charge of our Mint accounts — was directed to advise the Mint officials of our disinclination to accept the

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substitution of currency for gold, although subsequently
he was instructed to receive the currency, under
protest, in settlement of our bills: which was
done, as a perusal of his letter herewith appended
will disclose.

Very respectfully,

F. Gorejoy,

Supt.

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A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.

Superintendent,

U. S. Mint at Pha.

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Philadelphia.

May 9th, 1879.

F. Lovejoy, Sup^t

Adams Express Co.

Penna. Division

States that payment of currency for transportation of bullion was made for bills from Dec. 1861 to June 1873 inclusive, & was accepted only under protest.

Encloses a letter from George C. Thompson, Express Agent at the Mint confirming the statement.

Recd May 10th, 1879.

Adams Express Company,

Pennsylvania Division.

OFFICE, 531 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, May 9 1879

Dear Sir

In reply to your enquiry about the manner of payment at the Mint for transportation of Coin from 1861 to 1873. I would say, that up to and including April 1861 all payments were made in Gold.

In May & June 1861 the payment for Silver and Minor Coin transportation was in Gold, but our Gold transportation Bill was not paid.

The Director of the Mint said his instructions were to pay in the new Greenbacks just issued, which I refused, & so reported to Col Bingham our Superintendent, who instructed me to demand the Gold in accordance with the then existing Contract, When each month's Bills were

Adams Express Company,

Pennsylvania Division.

OFFICE, 531 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia,

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presented, I asked for the Gold, but was only offered Greenbacks. which I refused.

After many months delay the amount had become quite large, and finding we could not get the Gold. The Superintendent instructed me to say to the Director of the Mint that he would receive the Greenbacks, but protested against it as being a violation of the Contract. I obeyed the ~~order~~ and the Bills were paid.

Our transportation Bills were paid in this way up to June 1873 - and every month I protested against it in the name of the Express Co.

To

F. Levey Esq

Sup Adams & Co

Respectfully Yours

Geo C. Thompson

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RECEIPT FOR A REGISTERED LETTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

MAY 13 1879

REGISTERED.

No. 6646

1879

Post Office,

Received

of

a letter addressed to

A. R. Snowden

J. H. Wallace

N. Y.

P. M.

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J. H. Wallace
N Y.

Recd for Reg'd
Letter

Recd May 15/79

Sam'l. Van Raalte,

DIAMOND SETTER and Manufacturer of FINE GOLD JEWELRY.

208 North Fourth Street,

St Louis, May 13th 1879

Director U. S. Mint.

Sir

Recd Returns of
Gold Expressed to you on the 6th Inst.
and find that it has. lost 23oz in
quantity by melting without a correspond-
ing. Increase in quality. am forced
to conclude that there must have been
a mistake made in assaying or a great
waste in melting. by Rectifying or
Explaining this you will greatly oblige
Yours Most Respt

S. Van Raalte

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St. Louis, Mo.

May 13th, 1879.

S. Van Raalte,
Jeweller.

Complains of short-
age 23 oz. in deposit
of gold bullion, after
melting.

Mem. of H. S. Cochran
enclosed

Recd May 16th, 1879.

United States Mint,

Philadelphia, 18'

RECEIVED FROM CHIEF COINER,

Bronze

ct. \$

OZ.

Coin

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This deposit was so base & full on the surface of iron
or other base metals that according to our rules it
should have been refused. It was necessary to melt
it several times which was done with the utmost care
before it was homogenous or fit for assay. The melting
removed the base metals and made a correspond-
ing loss in weight. The assays were made
with every care, they have again been re-ex-
amined and are certainly correct.

When your bullion was received here
it was impossible for any one to form
a correct estimate of its fineness the
spangles &c. were visible on the face of
the King. If the base metals were
removed from your bullion before sending
it here there would be ^{have} but very little loss
in melting & this should be done or the
deposit refused because any other course
produces so much dissatisfaction.

W. L. L.



Philadelphia May 14 1879

LEHMAN & BOLTON PHIL

A. L. Lunden Esq. by
Super. U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Dear Sir

By instructions from the Hon
Secretary of the Treasury, I send
herewith a set of latest current standard
weights for verification. —

Very Respectfully
Henry Roemer

@5/15/79

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Philadelphia,
May 14th, 1879.

Henry Traener.

Sends set of standard
weights for verification.

Recd May 15th, 1879.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, May 14, 1879.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 7222

on Treasury Warrant No. 1422, for \$ 31,000. #

payable to the order of yourself,

and accountable for under the following appropriations, viz:

79 Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia	3000
" Wages of Workmen "	22000
" Contingent Expenses "	6000

Very respectfully,

Joe H. Fieau

Treasurer U. S.

A. L. Snowden,

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa.

(This letter of advice is to be forwarded to the Disbursing Officer or Agent.)

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Washington, D.C.

May 14th, 1879.

James Gilfillan

Treasurer U.S.

Encloses Treasury War-
rant 1222 for \$31,000
for current expenses during
May, 1879.

Rec^d May 15th, 1879.

St Louis, May 14th 1849

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough
to let us know at your earliest
convenience the price of
Silver Bullion.

and oblige

Yours Respectfully
G. Sudhoff & Co
No 923 N. 8th Str.

To Director of U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

@ 5/16/79

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St. Louis, Mo.

May 14th, 1879.

G. Sudhoff & Co.

Inquire price of Silver Bullion.

Rec'd May 14th, 1879.

OFFICE OF

MARCUS GOODMAN,
WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELRY,

111 BEALE ST.

Spectacles to suit any Eye.
Repairing of Fine Watches a Specialty.

MEMPHIS, TENN. May 14th 1879

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia,
Penn.

Dear Sir. I have to day send
by Southern Express old Gold. Please notify
me if it would be better if I would
have left it the same as it comes in
old Articles as I buy in a great deal
of Silver & Gold and would know the
next lot I send how to go about it.
I would like if not too much trouble
to you to inform me if old Silver
such as Spoons Forks & Watch cases
if they are classed as fine Silver,
if they are not classed as fine, what
is they Worth Generally for our
use so doing you will oblige me

Memphis, Tenn.

May 14th, 1879.

very much

Yours Respectfully

M. Goodman.

Marcus Goodman

Sends by Express pack.
age of old gold, & enquires
how old Silver is classi-
fied, & what it is worth.

Rec^d May 19th, 1879.

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
May 15th. 1879.

Hon. James Pollock.
(Late) Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your accounts for Parting & Refining
Bullion and for Ordinary Expenses of
the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, com-
mencing January 1st. 1879 and ending March
3rd 1879, have been adjusted at the
Treasury, per First Auditor's Reports [#]214510.
and [#]214774 respectively; and it is found
that the accounts are closed.

Very Respectfully,

A. G. Porter,

Comptroller.

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First Comptroller of the
Treasury,

To (A. G. Potter
Ex: Supt
Pollock) May 15/79

Parting & Refining of
& Ordin Expenses of
January 1, 1879 @
March 3, 1879,
adjusted & closed.

Rec'd May 16/79.

Levi Croll, Pres't

W.A. Boynton, Cash'r

THE First National Bank

ORGANIZED IN 1865.

CAPITAL \$100,000.

SURPLUS \$50,000.

Wells, Fargo & Co. Stationers N.Y.C.

Franklin, O. 5/15 1879

Director of the
Esq. Cash'r

Philad. Pa Dear Sir

Your favor of _____ inst.

received with stated enclosures, viz: _____

@ 5/19/79 Yours Respectfully
W.A. Boynton, Cash'r
by _____

Enclose for collection.

Can you furnish us, for N.Y. dft

1¢ Piece \$100.

3¢ " Nickel 30.

5. " " 100.

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Franklin, Ohio.

May 15th, 1879

W.A. Boynton Cash^r.

1st Nat. Bank.

Inquires if minor coinage
will be sent for N.Y. draft

Rec^d May 17th, 1879.

CAPITAL & SURPLUS, \$ 475,000.

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Stephen B. Bond, President.
Pliny Hoagland, Vice President.
 Jared D. Bond, Cashier,
James C. Woodworth, Ass.^t Cashier.

THE Fort Wayne National Bank

SUCCESSOR TO THE BRANCH AT FORT WAYNE OF THE BANK OF THE STATE OF INDIANA.

Fort Wayne, Ind. May 15 1879

Supt. of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of
the _____ with enclosure

I enclose for Collection

On what conditions will you take \$10,000
silver $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ in exchange for the new dollars
or U.S. notes?

Yours truly
J. Bond

@3/17/79

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Fort Wayne, Ind.

May 15th, 1879

J. D. Bond.
Cash.

Enquires on what terms
\$10,000 subsidiary silver
will be exchanged for stand-
ard dollars

Recd May 14th, 1879

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BENJ. F. ROBINSON, President.

Capital, \$100,000.

D. M. C. STEDMAN, Cashier.

Incorporated 1833.

Re-Organized 1863.

Wakefield National Bank.

No. 1206.

Wakefield, R. I., May 16 '1879

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you
my Ch. on Am. Ex. Natl.
Bank, N.Y. One Thousand
Dollars. for which please
send One Thousand Standard
Silver Dollars.

Yours Very Truly

D. M. C. Stedman
Cash

Director of the Mint.

@ 5/31/79

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Wakefield, R.I.

May 16th, 1879.

D. M. Stedman Cash^r

W. Nat^l Bank

~~Enclosing~~
Check for \$1000 for Stand.
and Silver Dollars.

Cheque returned, May
31st with directions to
apply to Treasurer of
the U.S. for Transfer
Letter.

Rec^d May 31st, 1879.

5/19/79 Eagle Hotel.

A. F. SIEGRIST, Proprietor.

Lebanon, Pa., May 16th, 1879

Col A. Loudon. Snowden.

Sir

Will you be so kind as to inform me how many Silver Dollars. was coined, in the year 1804. - and if one could be bought at the Mint. and what it is worth. I met you at Atlantic City. the Genl. wished me to ask you

Your Respy
Daniel Palmer

Agent Gen Tom Thumb.

P.S. you will confer a favor by answering

Daniel Palmer.
Care Gen Tom Thumb Tour
Huntington, Pa.

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Lebanon, Pa.

May 16th, 1879.

Daniel Palmer.

Agt Gen^l & Tom Thumb

Asks how many silver
dollars were coined in
1804, & at what price one
can be bought.

Rec^d May 19th, 1879.

Princeton, N.J. May 17. 1879

Col. J. Ross Snowden -
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: - Will you do me the favor
to inform me who dug the Artesian well at
present in the yard of the U.S. Mint, and whether
the work was fully satisfactory. Also if you
know of any others who do such work.

Very truly yours -

J. H. R. Schenck -
P. O. Box 66.

May 20/79

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Princeton, N. J.

May 17th, 1879.

J. & R. Schenck.

Enquire who bored
the artesian well
at the Mint, & if the
work was satisfactory

Rec^d May 20th, 1879

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 17th, 1879.

Sir:

You are authorized to purchase one hundred tons of selected coal for the Minter and Refiner's Department of your mint, from Messrs Brauson & Co. at \$4.95 per ton, as requested in your letter of the 16th instant.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Horatio C. Branch

A. L. Snowden Esq.,

Director.

Superintendent &c,

Philadelphia Pa.

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Washington, D.C.
May 17th, 1879.

Horatio B. Burchard.

Authorizes purchase of
100 tons selected coal
for use of Melter & Refiner
from Bhanson & Bro. at
\$4.95 per ton.

Rec^d May 19th, 1879

The Mint of the United States,

AT

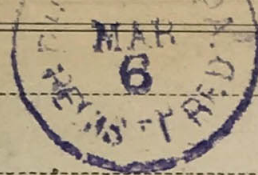
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

, 1879

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Should the registered letter not be delivered, this receipt must be forwarded with it, in due course, to the Dead-Letter Office.

No. 7439



, 1879.

Mailed at

by

U. S. Mint

a letter addressed to

H. L. Dodge
San Francisco
Cal

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

REGISTERED
MAR 17 1879
CALIF.
San Francisco

Received the above-described letter.

Sign
here.

H. L. Dodge
per J. M. Kennedy

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The Mint of the United States,

AT
San Francisco, Cal
~~PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,~~

May 17, 1879.

~~JAMES POLLOCK,~~

~~Superintendent~~

M. L. Dodge

Subject:

*Receipt for reg'd
letter*

~~No. of Enclosures,~~

Rec'd May 23/79

RETURN REGISTERED-LETTER RECEIPT.

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No. 571, 1877

Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

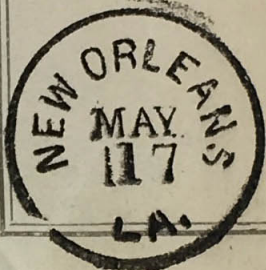
H. J. Foot
New Orleans La

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

Received the above-described letter.

Sign }
here. }

H. J. Foot



The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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The Mint of the United States,

AT

~~PHILADELPHIA, PENN.~~

New Orleans. La

May 17th, 1879.

H. S. Foote

Superintendent.

Subject: Receipt for regis-
tered letter.

No. of Enclosures, 1

Rec^d May 21st, 1879.

5/20/79
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,

Washington City, D. C., May 19th, 1879.

for: check ^{for} \$40, sent 5/24/79

When Mr. Harvey
Hughes was transferred
from the 3^d Auditor's Office
to the U. S. Mint at Phila-
delphia he had, by extrava-
gance, incurred debts to
such an extent as to ruin
his credit. I endorsed
him for \$60. with the un-
derstanding that he should
send me \$40. on the 15th of
this month and \$20. with

the \$4. brokers charge, on the 15th of next month.

He has not written to me since his departure from Washington, and I therefore feel at liberty to transmit his pay orders with the request that you remit to the payee, Mr. J. M. Cooper, in my care, \$40. of Mr. Hughes' pay at the end of this month and \$24. on the 15th of next month.

Mr. Hughes is well aware that I have gone heavily in debt to assist my sisters and a brother, and that if I am forced to pay \$64. on his account it will delay the sending of an invalid sister to Colorado at least two months.

An early reply is respectfully solicited.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Phila. Mint

Very respectfully,
J. McDonald

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Washington D.C.

May 19th, 1879.

Treasury Department

S. McDonald.

Office of Commissioner
of Customs, Treasury Dept.

States that Harvey Hughes
recently transferred from
Auditor's office to N. S. Mint
was greatly in debt in Wash-
ington at time of departure.

Requests that \$40 of Mr.
Hughes pay be remitted
to John Cooper at end of
May, & \$24 ~~at~~ 15th June.

Rec^d = May 20th, 1879.

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Treasury Department.

First Comptroller's Office.

May 19th. 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
(Late) Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account for Gold and Silver bullion deposited and purchased at the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia and for minor Coinage, commencing October 1st 1878 and ending December 31st. 1878, has been adjusted at the Treasury, per First Auditor's Report No. 214520, and the following described balance found to be remaining in the Mint and due the United States:—

Gold Bullion	\$ 1,248,755.81
Silver Bullion	5,339,276.37
Gold Coin	1,274,772.16
Silver Coin	2,381,425.73
Minor Coinage Metal	95,555.99

Minor coins

52,563.93

Total

\$ 10,392,349.99

Balance Silver coin per adjustment \$5,339,276.37

Balance " " " your statement 5,327,719.76

Difference to your debit \$ 11,556.61

Arising from disallowance in bills of the
Adams Express Co. per Reports #211307 + 212093,
hitherto explained.

Very Respectfully,

A. G. Porter,

Comptroller.

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1st prompt other Reading
(A. G. Pate)

to May 19/79
Ex- Supt Pollock

Balance of Oct. 1/78 to
Dec. 31/78 adjusted &
bal due \$11,556.61 (amt
of Ad. Ex. bill, dis allowed)

Recd May 20/79

Office of the
LEWISTON MILLS.

LEWISTON, MAINE.

Lewiston May 19th 1879

Director U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa
Dear Sir,

Please inform
us your terms and rules
in regard to furnishing
Coppers and nickels
& oblige

Respectfully Yours

W. F. Woodbury

2/17/79
C.B.

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Lewiston, Me.

May 19th, 1879.

F. Woodbury.

Enquires terms on which
minor coinage is furnished

Rec'd May 21st, 1879.

Plainview Adams Co Pa

May 19th 1879

Dear Sir I shipped you some
stone By Express from Gettysburg
About Six weeks ago marked on
the package as from L. H. Dull
And wrote to you at the same
time Now if you please answer
my few lines and let me know
what it is as there seems to be
a small body of it

Please answer

Yours truly

Wm. Gulderson

A package has been lying here, from Gettysburg,
no name, & no letter. It contains sandstone
with streaks of carbonate of copper; no value.

D.

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Plainview,

Adams Co. Pa.

May 19th, 1879.

Wm. Goulden

Sends valueless
specimen of stone
from Gettysburg,
Pa.

Rec^d May 20th, 1879

Q5/22/79

Iowa College for the Blind,
Vinton, Ia.

May 19th 1879.

Mr. Sir:-

Can proofs of coins
or uncirculated coins be obtain-
ed at the mint or of the Treas.
Department at Washington?

An immediate answer will
greatly oblige

Very Respectfully
Yours

R. M. Carothers

To A. L. Snowden
U.S. Mint
Phila.

P.S. Kindest regard of my fa-
ther.

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Winton Iowa

May 19 /79

R. M. Barothers

Inquires if proofs or
uncirculated coins can
be procured.

Rec^d = May 22nd, 1849.

Martinsville Va May 19th 1779

Director of U.S. Mint

Phila.

Dear Sirs,

Please do me the kindness to inform
me what is allowed for old Spanish
and Mexican, and old U.S. Dollars,
at the Mint, and oblige

Yours Respectfully

Thos G. Penn

Adrup

Thos G. Penn

Martinsville

Va

@ 5/22/79

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Martinsville, Va.

May 19th, 1879.

Thos. G. Penn.

Asks value of Mexican
dollars, also Spanish
of old N. S. do.

Rec^d May 22nd, 1879.

MS 20/24

Lamence Mass. May. 19. 1879.

Dear Sir:

Can you inform me
what will be the cost of Ordinary
or circulating set of 1879. Silver
Coins U.S. viz Dollar, H. Dollar.
Two Dollar. Dime - / H. Dime &
Three Cents (Nickel) with postage
cost on same. I do not care
for proofs - only proof of Trade
Dollar which I think cost \$1.50

Yours Very Resly

Wm. P. Hopkins

Supt. Phila. U.S. Mint -

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Lawrence, Mass.

May 19th, 1879.

Wm. P. Hopkins.

Enquires price of ordinary set of silver coins of 1879.

Rec^d May 20th, 1879.

MM

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, *May 20, 1879*

Sir:

I enclose herein copy of letter
from the Jackson County Bank, Black
River Falls, Wis. together with their check
endorsed by me to your order for \$20.
by which it will be observed they
request returns in minor coin.

Very respectfully,
Laurens
Treasurer U.S.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

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Washington D. C.

May 20th 1879

James Gilfillan

Treasurer N. S.

Encloses cheque from Frank.
lin Co. Bank, Black River
Falls, Wisc. for \$20 for minor
coinage.

Rec^d May 21st 1879.

PAID
Boston May 20. /79.

Respected Sir.

Will you be so kind to send
us a Tablet showing us the Values of
the different Qualities of Gold and the
Alloys for the different (Karets) of Gold.
In so doing you will Exceedingly
Oblige.

Respectfully.

Reed & Enas.
M.f.g. Jewellers
Room 10 No 89 Court St.
Boston
Mass.

@ 5/21/79

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Boston

May 20th, 1879.

Reed & Enas

Jewellers

Wants table showing
values of alloys of gold.

Rec^d May 21st 1879.

Pope, Cole & Co.
Baltimore Copper Works
(Canton)

Office No. 57 S. Gay St.

Baltimore, 20 May 1879.

Sir:

Pursuant to instructions received from the Director of the Mint, we have to-day forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint a Box containing 300 lbs of our Ingot Copper, branded "B.C.W.", which Copper is a sample of our product, and represents the character and quality of the article we have hitherto furnished to the Mints, as well as what we shall furnish hereafter in case we shall be favored with orders for it.

A bill for this Copper will follow in due course.

To the
Superintendent of the Mint,
Philadelphia;

Penn.

Very Respectfully
Pope, Cole & Co.

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Baltimore, May 20th, 1879

Pope, Cole & Co.

Send 300 lbs. of ingot
copper for testing in coinage
alloy.

Rec^d May 23rd, 1879.

The undersigned
 has the honor to
 acknowledge the
 receipt of your
 letter of the 20th
 inst. in relation
 to the purchase
 of 300 lbs. of
 ingot copper for
 testing in coinage
 alloy. The same
 has been ordered
 to be sent to you
 by express of the
 23rd inst. and will
 reach you in a
 few days. Very
 respectfully,
 J. B. C.

J. B. C.
 J. B. C.

CASH STORE.

S. N. HENDRIX,

RETAIL DEALER IN

FANCY AND PLAIN GROCERIES,

COUNTRY PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS,

CORNER MAIN AND BLANDING STREETS,

Columbia, S. C., May 21st 1879

Mr A. Louder Snowden.

Philadelphia.

Dear sir,

If it will
suit I would prefer giving
Messrs Walter G. Wilson & Co. an
order on you for amt that
will be due me, as soon
as I hear from you. know
the amt. to my Cr.

I remain

Yours

Respectfully

May 21st 79

\$125.38

S N Hendrix

05/23/79

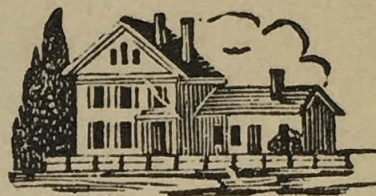
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S. N. Hendrix
Columbia, S. C.
May 21/79

Would like to
give an order to
Walter G. Wilcox
for Antiquary de-
posit.

Rec^d May 23rd, 1879.

HENDRIX HOUSE,



BY

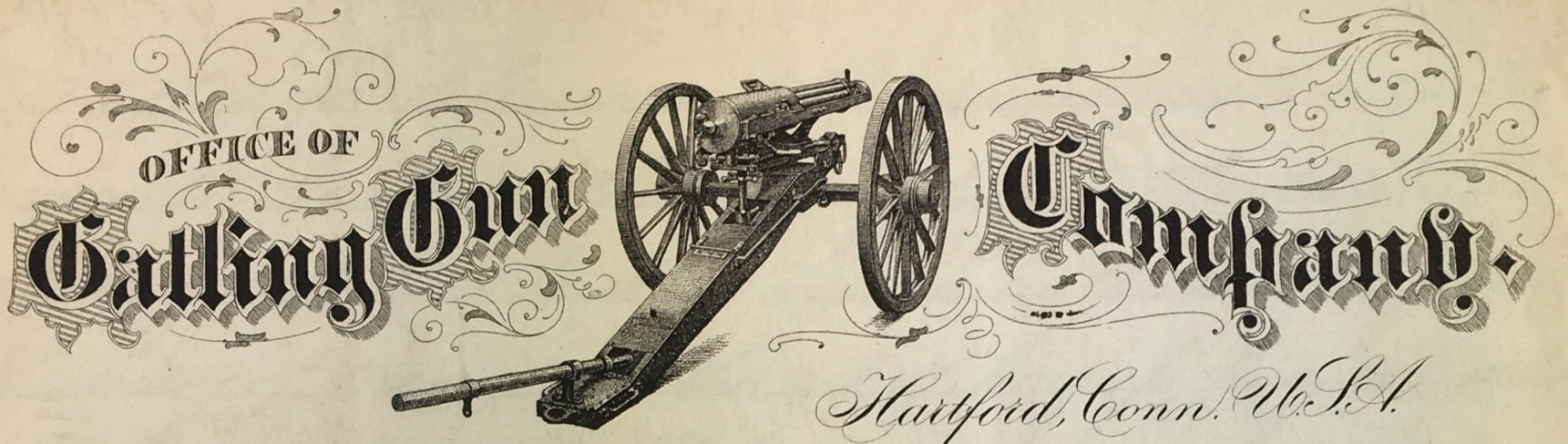
MRS. J. A. HENDRIX, PRO.

Corner of TAYLOR & SUMTER STREETS,

○ COLUMBIA, S. C. ○

15th April, 1879.

\$1.50 PER DAY.



Hartford, Conn. U.S.A.

May 22, 1879.

Superintendent of U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In the deficiency bill passed by the last Congress,
(act approved March 3, 1879,) it is provided that the War
Dept, upon requisition from the Treasury Dept, shall
furnish such arms as may be desired, for the protection
of public buildings, property &c.

Under this bill, in the system of public defence
inaugurated, Gatling guns are the best & most permanent
protection. It is an adopted arm of the U.S. government,
and is peculiarly suited for the service required. So
few men are necessary to operate the gun, that with
a good supply of ammunition, it is a sure means
of defence - always ready. In carrying out

the plan for defence, we trust you will make requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for some Gattings. The Treasury Dept will be at no expense in the matter - the Secretary of War, under the act of Congress, being obliged to furnish what may be called for.

We send you by this mail, photographs showing our latest styles of mounting the guns, also pamphlets with full information.

Trusting you will consider the subject favorably,

We remain,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

Gatting Gun Company,

by Edgar T. Wells

Treasurer.

Hartford, Conn
May 22/79

Gatling gun Company
Mr. Edgar T. Welles,
Recd,

Invites order for a
Gatling gun for the Militia
through the War Dept

Recd May 23/79

Bank of Hopkinsville.

Hopkinsville, Ky. *May 22, 1879.*

Treasurer W. S. Murt
Philadelphia }
Pa }

Sir:

For the Enclosed check
Planters Bank of No. 18961
on Latham & Co. \$1,000.00
You will please forward
us per Express (1,000)
one thousand Standard
Silver dollars & Oblige
Yours Respectfully
James A. Wallace
Cashr.
Lang.

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Hopkinsville, Ky.

May 22nd, 1879

Jas. A. Wallace.

Cash^r Bank of W.

Sends draft for \$1000
for Standard Silver \$.

Draft returned. Necessary
to apply to Treasurer U.S.

Rec^d May 26th, 1879.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 22^d, 1879.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr. J. B. Hamstead who has been for a long number of years a Machinist in the Mint service.

I have availed myself of his experience in passing upon certain bids submitted to this office for machinery required for the Mint at New Orleans.

He visits Philadelphia under my instructions to inspect certain machinery offered by firms in your city, and I will thank you to afford him such assistance as you may be able. If convenient

Please send one of your skilled machin-
ists to accompany him, as I shall rely
upon you when the machinery is ready
for delivery to detail some one to ex-
amine it before shipment and accept
it for me.

Very respectfully -

A. Loudon Maudon Esq

Horatio C. Brainerd

Supl^d Mint

Director.

Philadelphia.

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Washington, D. C.

May 22nd, 1879

Horatio C. Burchard.

Introduces J. B. Har-
stead, & requests a skil-
ful machinist to accom-
pany him to ~~the~~ inspect
certain machinery of-
fered by several firms
in this city.

Mr. S. James, machinist
sent with him. Seb.

Rec^d May 23rd, 1879.

J. L.)

Treasury Department
First Comptrollers Office
May 23rd 1879

Hon. James Pollock
(Late) Supt. U.S. Mint
Sir;

Your account for manufacture
of medals at the U.S. Mint at Phila,
commencing January 1st 1878 and ending
March 3rd 1879, has been adjusted at the
Treasury, per first Auditors Report No 214869
and closed.

Very Respectfully,
A. J. Porter
Comptroller.

A true copy of the original letter.

J. L. Pollock
Late Supt. U.S.

May 24/79.

2527,

First Comptroller Treasury
(A. G. Porter)

To May 23, 1879.

Exr Supt Pollock

Medal of 1 Jan'y 1878
@ 3 March, 1879, has
been adjusted & closed

(Copy)
J. R.

Rec'd May 24/79

W.H.

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, May 23, 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 22nd. current, regarding the shipment of \$999.⁴, in Standard Silver Dollars to the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. Providence R.I., under authority of transfer letter No. 1137, dated May 15th 1879, I beg to say that the letter should have requested the shipment to be made in 10⁴ pieces.

Upon receipt of this letter please forward to the above mentioned institution \$999.⁴ in Silver Dimes; the expenses of returning the Standard Silver Dollars from Providence R.I. to your Office to be paid from the "Silver-Profit Fund."

Very respectfully

Wm. L. Fisher

Treasurer U.S.

Superintendent:

Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Washington D.C.

May 2nd, 1879.

James Gilfillan
Treasurer N. S.

Corrects error in Transfer
Letter, & directs that \$999
in 10¢ pieces be sent to
Rhode Island Hospital
Trust Co. Providence, R.I.
in place of Standard
Silver dollars returned
by that Institution

Wm. Cobb,

Rec^d May 24th, 1879

Castleton, Vt. May 24 1879

To Superintendent of U. S. Mint,

Dear Sir

A coin came into my possession a short time since, pencilings of both sides of which I send you, I am not expert enough to give its history, therefore refer it to you, I would like to know where it was struck and a few of its essentials as to history. Rev: 13 links joined around a center ring on which is: United States; within the smaller ring are the words WE ARE ONE, Obv: Sun; an animal on something facing to the right; below which, the word, America; to the left Fugio; to the right 1787; below all, Mind your Business.

Have you any medals of silver of Genl W. H. Harrison 1840. Log cabin, I want one, how much shall I send you for it?

Have you a Catalogue or Manual of the Coins of the United States, I want one.

Respectfully yours

John M. Currier

Baskleton, Vt.

May 24th, 1879.

John M. Burnier.

asks information about
Franklin or Fugio
cent. & encloses rubbing
of one in his possession
&c. And if there is a M
H. Hanson medal
of 1840: &
Catalogue U. S.
Coins.

Rec^d May 26th, 1879.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Hanover, Pa.,

May 24 1879

Director of Bank
Chas. R.

May 27/79

Sir,

We have got a lot of punched American money, notes & dollars, halves, quarters, dimes, half dimes & 3 cent pieces, silver & nickel 5 & 3 ¢; also punched and not punched silver pieces of Mexico, Spain and in fact almost any nation's money on the face of the earth.

We want to get rid of it and yet do not want to hear a loss. Can you do anything with it and at what rate can you take it off our hands. We have also a lot of perfect 3 & 5 ¢ silver which we desire to get rid of. Let me hear from you.

Yours, J. H. ALLEMAN

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Harover, Pa.

May 24th, 1879.

J. H. Allenman, Cash^r
1st National Bank.

Wishes to sell punched
coin of various denomi-
nations: also foreign coins.

Rec^d May 27th, 1879.

62 West 36 Street

New York May 24. 1879

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

Sup^r U. S. Court, Philadelphia

Dear Sir

In conformity with your kind permission expressed on my application on Thursday for information on the details of a small mint for Nicaragua, I have now the honor to give the following memorandum received from the Minister of Hacienda of that country.

"The Gov^t. desiring to establish a mint in the Republic, the President has charged me to ask of you to procure a pro-forma list with the cost of the various machines, instruments, tools, etc. as are only strictly necessary to set up an establishment capable of coining from 2000 to 5000 pieces daily, and a memorandum of the ^{expenses} needed to carry it on, with the probable monthly salaries of such of them as may be necessary to get from abroad"

Nicaragua is now just beginning to develop her resources and has to be economical in her new enterprises. She is now constructing the first six miles of her first railway. There is a cart-road from the port to the Capital by which machinery can be conveyed.

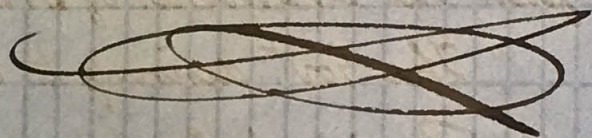
Whatever information you may be able to communicate on the above matter for the Government

I herewith represent will be received as a great
favor and duly appreciated by the Government
and by myself.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Yours ob. Serv.

Alexander J. Cotheal
Consul General of Nicaragua



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New York,
May 24th, 1879.

Alex J. Corbheal,
Consul Gen^l of
Nicaragua

Asks for estimates of
cost of a small Mint,
capable of coining from
2000 to 5000 pieces daily.

Rec^d May 28th, 1879.

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Mr. J. A. Heideger
Allegheny City Pa
May 27/79

Offer for sale
144 1799 and 1
1817.

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Rec^d - May 29th 1879

Alleg. May 27/79

U.S. Mint

Hearing you
purchased old coins
I will state that I
have 2 old cents one
being made in 1797
date plain the other
1817 American mint
United States Liberty
Please state what they
are worth as I wish to
see them address

Wm. J. Heideger
44 Ohio St

Allegheny City
Pa
5/29/79

No. 1263.

John A. Young, Cashier.

First National Bank

Shelbyville, Ind. June 23 1879

Esq.

Sir

We acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of 20th inst. returning
our draft No. 18564 on Sept
Traders Nat Bank. Sent you
for Standard Letter Head.

Respectfully
John A. Young
Cash.

A. Louan Snowden
Superintendent,
Philadelphia
Pa.

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Shelbyville, Ind
June 23, 1879.

John A. Young
(as.)

Rec'd returned
draft for Standard
Silver dollars.

Rec'd June 25th, 1879.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Folsomville Sumner County Va
June 23rd 1879

Mr James Ballou. Sup-
erintendent
Philad

Dear Sir

I have some gold I wish
to have coined please state
to me what is the least quantity
that you will receive at one
time to coin and how much
coined gold you give for each
Sunny night - oblige

Yours Truly

J. H. Whitlock
Hillsville

Sumner County va
"

Oct 24/79

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Falersville, Va

June 23/79

J. H. Whitlock

Inquiring small
est gold deposit
obtainable for
copper.

Recd June 24th, 1879.

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22/2/79

Received
from 22/2/79

New York June 20th 1879

Superintendent of
U. S. Mint -
Philad.

Dear Sir,
A lady in

my family desires to make a present
of a gold dollar of the date of 1879.

I have been unable to find one in this
city, and was advised by an officer in the Assistant
Treasurer's Office here, to write to you for
this piece of coin.

I accordingly inclose herewith one
Dollar (U. S. treasury Note) for which you
will oblige me by returning to me the gold
dollar of 1879 - Address - Thomas
White - Box 727 New York N. Y.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c Thomas White

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New York

June 20. 1879

Thomas White

Enclosed \$1.00
and want 1 gold
dollar 1879.

Recd June 21st 1879

JAMES SAYRE, President.
A. J. WILLIAMS, Vice President.
R. S. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS,
\$500,000.

Oneida National Bank

at 23/74 of
Utica, N.Y., 21 June 1879

Sir

Will you kindly inform me
how and upon what terms
under the law recently
passed ^{Smaller} Silver Coins can
be exchanged for Legal
tenders Silver Certificates
or Silver Dollars

Your early reply
will greatly oblige

Yours truly

R S Williams

E

Director of the US Mint
Philadelphia

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Utica, N.Y.

June 21, 1879

R. S. Williams

Enquires how
Small Silver coins
can be exchanged
under the new law

Rec^d June 23rd, 1879.

259 W 43^d St.

N.Y. June 7th 19.

Hon A. Loudon Snowden.

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

Sir,

Your letter June
6th received, at your request, I have
written the Director at Washington,
any recommendation you can make to him
will be duly appreciated.

Will you please do me
the favor to return the two ¹⁴clippings¹⁴
I sent you in my last letter.

I am Very Respectfully,
F. C. Wright.

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New York

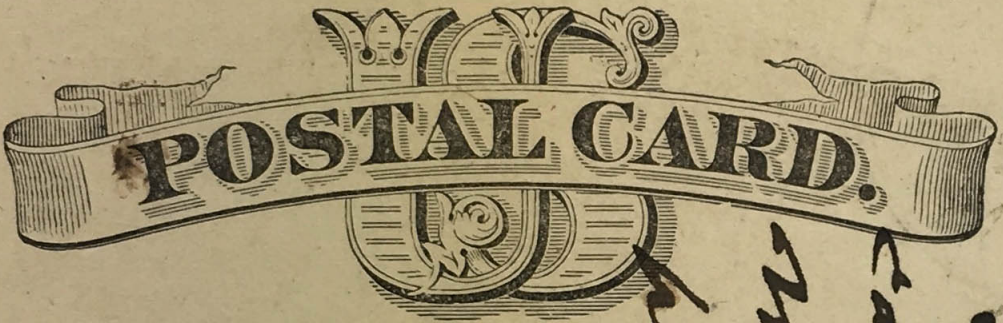
June 7. 1879

F. L. Wright

Will have
written to the Di-
rector, as suggested.

Request return
of 2 clippings in
last letter

Rec^d June 9th, 1879.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Roe & June 14th 1899.

Director U.S. Min.
Philadelphia Pa
June 12/99
Pa
Washington
can be put in
message
in return of
317
Detonated.

Office of D. M. FERRY & CO., Seedsmen, Detroit, Mich. June 12-1879.

Dear Sir,

@ 6/14/79

Please inform me
the metals in which you can
furnish me the John Horn
life saving medal & the prices of
each. Yours Respectfully,
C. Wesley Price
321 National Ave.
Detroit. Mich.

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New York

June 19. 1879

F. L. Wright

Desires recom-
-mendation of his
opp to sell "Decla-
-ration of Independence"
medal die.

Recd June 20/79.

259 W 43^d St.

New York June 9/79.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 18th insrd rec'd
with enclosed Memoranda of my father,
with many thanks,

I have written the
Director at Washington, & receive an
answer — to my regret — that
there was no available money that
could be used at present for that
purpose. If it was in your
power I would consider a reasonable
offer. Hoping this will cause you to
reconsider, without any ⁿanoyance

Caused by me. I Remain
Very Respectfully
Yours.

F. C. Wright.

To Hon A. Lawson Snowden,
Supt U.S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

Rec^d June 20th, 1879.

Moorehead Clay Works,

Office, 11 South Seventh St.

United States of America,

Philadelphia, Sept. 1879

Hon A. London Snowden

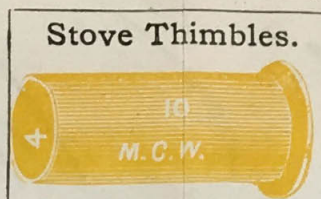
Sup't. Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Sir Yours H. L. at hand - We have
booked your order and await
your advice that the floor is
prepared - We are ready at any
time -

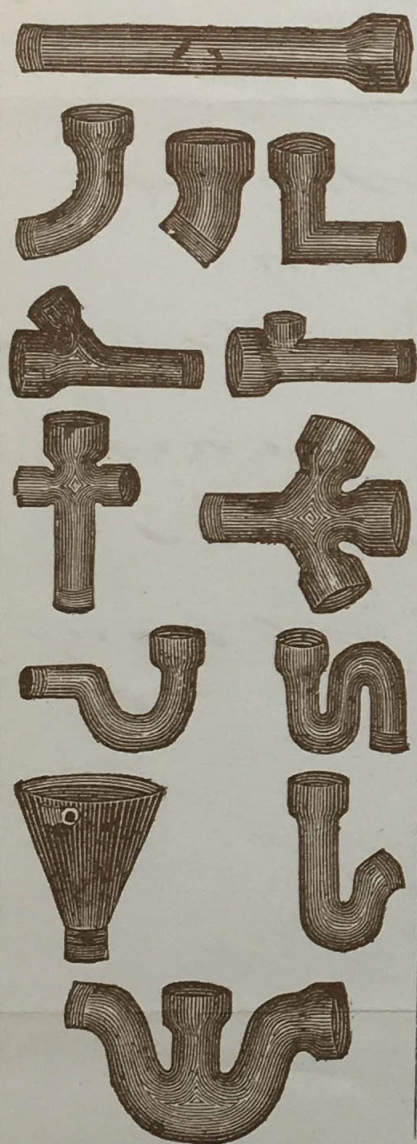
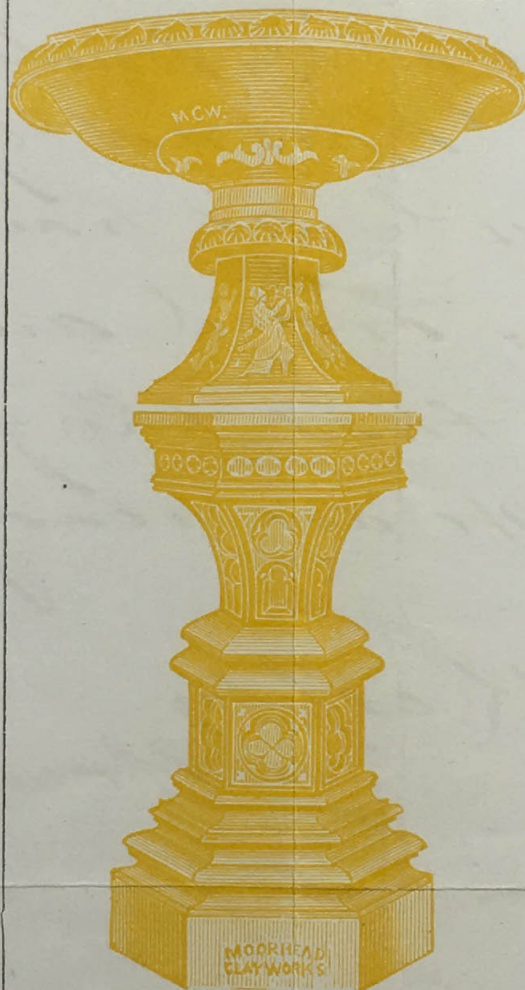
Respectfully
Yours

Moorehead Clay Works.
Wm. L. Wilson - Proprietor.
11 South 7th. St.,
PHILADELPHIA.

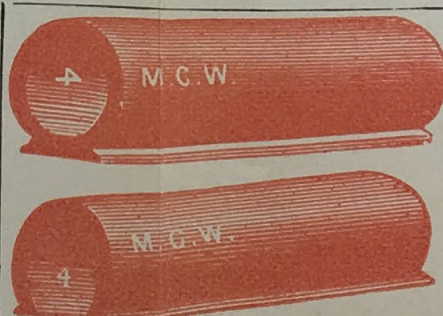
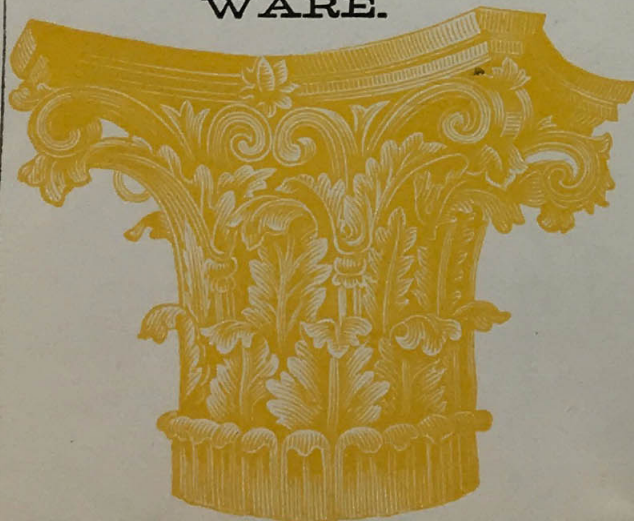
@ 6/5/79



Flower Pots.

**DRAIN AND SEWER PIPE.****GARDEN VASES.****PEDESTALS.****FLOORING TILE.**

Plain or Encaustic.

Also Wall,
Majolica,
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Painted
Tiles,of every Size,
Shape
and
Pattern.**ORNAMENTAL BUILDING WARE.****DRAIN TILE.**

Sole, Horse-Shoe and Round.

ANTIQUE POTTERY.**STATUARY.****Hanging Vases.**

Also every article made of Clay or its Compounds.
Also Crude and Prepared Clays, Sands,
Cements, etc.

MOORHEAD CLAY WORKS,

Manufacturers, Importers and Dealers,

Factory, East Spring Mill, Pa.

Office, 11 S. Seventh, east side, bet. Market, Philadelphia.

Recd June 5th, 1879.

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Moorehead Clay Works
Phil^a
June 10, 1879

Wm L. Wilson
Providence

Order for tiles
rec'd. Will be de-
livered as soon as
the glaze is prepared.

Rec^d June 5, 1879

Howard & Mühle,

Gold & Silver Assayers, Refiners and Sweep Smelters,

OFFICE, No. 1 JOHN STREET,

Smelting and Refining Works, 502, 504 West and 138 Jane Sts.,

New York, June 24th 1879

Mr A London Snowden
Superintendent

Dear Sir

My

We beg to offer
for the lot of Sweeps
tendered in your favor of
20th June (13 lbs 282528)
Twenty Sixty four and
seven (72600) —
Yours Respectfully
Howard & Mühle

A. W. SPEAR & CO.,

Gold and Silver Assayers, Refiners

—AND—

SWEEP SMELTERS,

Office—No. 121 Fulton Street,

New York, June 24th 1879

Mr A. Loudon Snowden,

Supt U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

*We offer for
the 63 Barrels Sweeps, weighing
28,252. lbs., the sum of \$2805.75*

*Yours Respectfully
A. W. Spear & Co*

*Received
6/26/1879
L.R.*

Newark Smelting and Refining Works.

ED. BALBACH & SON.

233 RIVER STREET

Newark, N. J., June 25 1879
A. L. Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir

We offer

for the sweep, of which we
received statement, Nine
dollars and thirty cents
(\$9.³⁰) per hundred pounds.

Yours respectfully
Ed Balbach & Son
Per J. H. Unterleitner

28.252
84.756
254.268
42627.4360

Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

(UNITED RAILROADS OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION.)

L. N. WALTON, Agent,

Office, No. 4 Walnut Street.

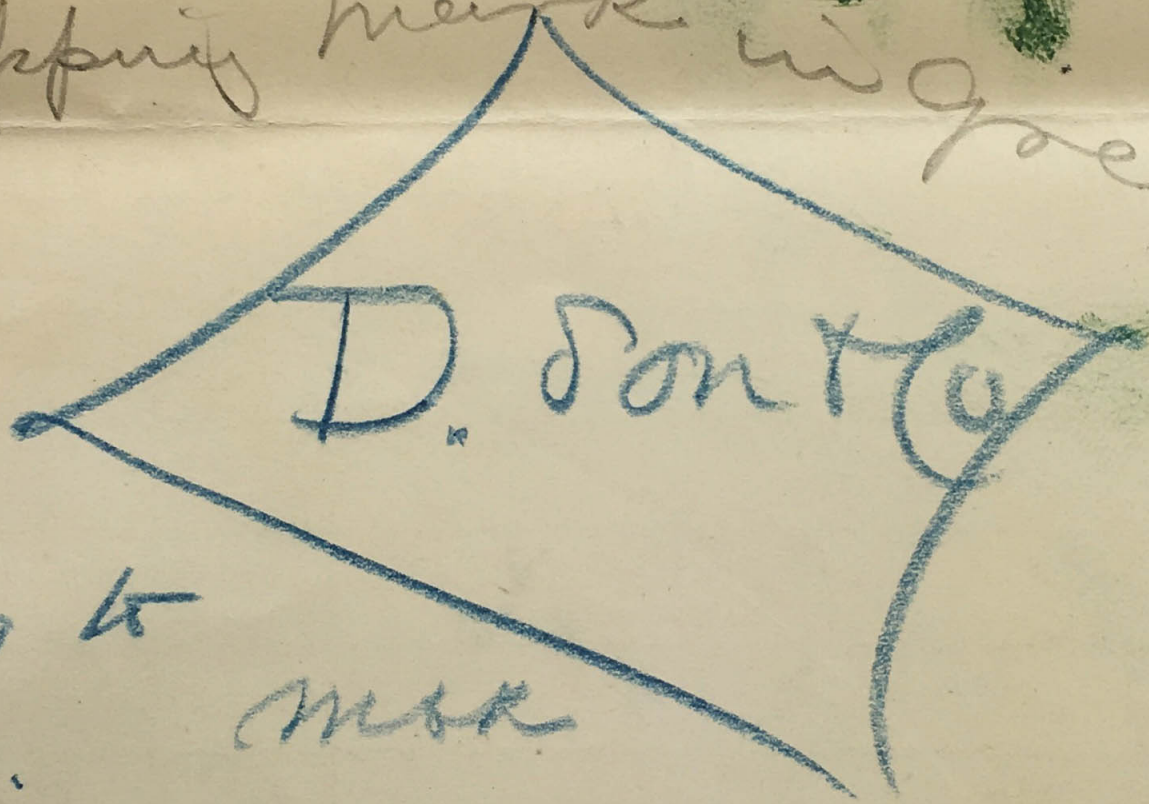
Philadelphia, Jan 30 1879

London & Co.
Supt. N. J. Mont.
Or Fr.

Delivered to
Penn R. Co. Train Supt. (63)
Bbl Sweep. belonging W. C. J. Dams
for Newark N. J.
Obliged Yrs
W. S. Denny, Son

Recd the above 63 bbls sweep
Joseph Taylor

Shipping mark in green



#

209 to

268.

mark

3 Boe Lucht 155.6-7.

June 30

35 75

4 76

Sept 30

10 85

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Dec 31

6 20

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Mar 15

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NUMBER

SENT BY.

TIME.

RECEIVED BY.

CHECK.

Dated

To

Rec'd at

1879

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Newark, N. J.
June 28/79

C. S. Dennis, Esq

Will be there
Monday

Rec^d June 30th, 1879.

C. S. DENNIS & SON,

Remark Gold & Silver

REFINERY,

AND

SWEEP SMELTING WORKS,

No's 38 & 40 Walnut St.

Newark, N. J.,

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To our Customers and the Trade.

We take pleasure in announcing that during this year, we have completed, and are now occupying large and well located works. We are now prepared to Assay and Refine Gold & Silver, and to Smelt Jewelers and Silver-smiths Sweepings, Polishings, &c.

As we endeavor to meet every want in our trade, we would respectfully solicit, and trust to have the continued confidence of our customers and the trade generally. We remain

Yours Respectfully,

C. S. DENNIS & SON.

Fine Gold and Silver for Sale. Old Gold and Silver and Bullion purchased.

References of Jewelers:

NEWARK, N. J.

DURAND & CO.
E. RICHARDSON & CO.
CARTER, HAWKINS & SLOAN.
SMILLIE & EDGE.
J. W. HAYES & CO.
McINTIRE, CHAMPENOIS & CO.

NEW YORK CITY.

SILLCOCKS & COOLEY.
RANDEL, BARMORE & CO.
V. M. RAMEE & CO.
MABIE, TODD & CO.
MOSES TAYLOR.
BALDWIN, SEXTON & PETERSON.

*38 & #40 Walnut Street

Newark, N.J. June. 23rd 1849

A. London, Snowdray Esq.

Dear Sir

Am offer for

M & R and Sup^t: 63 Bbls weighing
28.252 Lbs is Twenty Nine hundred
fifty two ^{and} $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars (\$2952⁶⁶)
for the Lot. The remain

Yours Respectfully
C. J. Dennis & Son

Accepted
June 6. 1849 J. P. L.

Delivered June 20. 1849 per
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ per

Bids for Sweeps

63 Bbls.

Offered June 20. 1879

C. S. Dennis & Son
\$2952.66

E. Balbach & Son
\$2627.44

A. W. Spear & Co.
\$2805.—

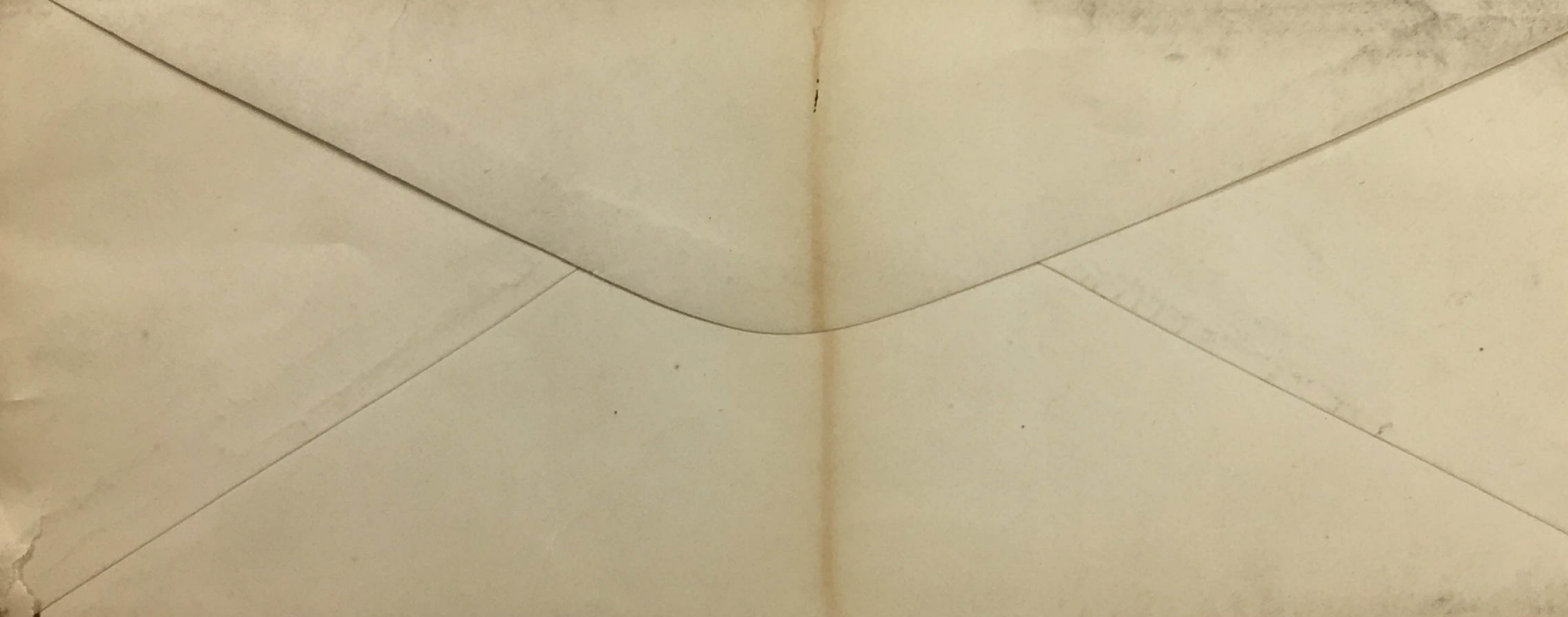
Howard & Mahle
\$2605.—

Awarded to

C. S. Dennis & Son

June 26. 1879

Filed June 26 1879



Miscellaneous Letters

Rec'd by

Superintendent

June 1879

6/2/79

Hills Grove

Erie Co., Pa

May 27th 1879

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether the coins described below have any special value; if so what, and whether you would desire to purchase them either for yourself or for the mint?

(1) Half Cent 1809 Date &c quite distinct. ^{worth 2 cents}

(2) Half Cent — Obverse; a head of liberty, with hair flowing and unbound, ^{liberty} cap just falling off over the head

worth something
about 1894

the word Liberty; below head,
faint traces of a date, which I
cannot decipher.

Reverse: a wreath,
outside of wreath the words, U-
nited States of America; within
wreath, Half Cent; below wreath,
the fraction $\frac{200}{100}$. Round the
edge of the coin, where the milt-
ing usually is, are the words, Two
Centred for a Dollar.

Perhaps
from this description you
may be able to determine the
date.

The coins are the property of
my wife, having been given
to her by her mother, the w-
ing, to whom they were given
more than fifty years ago.

If you would be kind enough
to inform me what
is ^{the} probable date of the second
coin, and of their value. I
should be much obliged.

Respectfully yours
Edward D. Arner

Reference

Senator Pendleton
Washington, D. C.

or

Bishop Berfoot
116 Cliff Street
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Miles Grove.

Erie Co. Penna.

May 24th, 1879

Edw. D. Irvine

Inquires value of certain
old copper coins.

Rec^d June 2nd 1879.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.

Office of the General Superintendent.

59 Broadway.

New York May 3rd 1879

A London Snowden Esq,
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 20th Inst I have to say, that I do not find among the papers of this Company any written contract for the transportation of Gold and Silver coin and bullion to and from the Mint prior to that of May 1864.

The U.S. Government has always paid us in coin for the transportation of Coin and Bullion, the only exception being

That some time in 1862, after
the Legal Tender money was
issued, the Director of the Mint
at Phila paid us in this
Legal Tender money for the
transportation of coin to and
from the Mint, whereas we
had always before been paid
for such transportation in
coin. We received the Legal
Tender money under protest,
claiming that coin was due
us.

I have the honor to be,
Respectfully,

Yours obed^t. serv^t

Henry Sanford

Genl Supt.

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Henry Sanford, Esq
Supt Adams Express Co.
New York
May 31, 1879

Does not find any
written contract prior to
May, 1864, for the trans-
portation of G. & S. coin
& Bullion to & from the Mint
Payments in Green
backs, since 1862, in-
stead of coin, were rec'd
under protest.

Recd June 2/79

RETURN REGISTERED-LETTER RECEIPT.

NOTE.—This return receipt, after being signed by the party to whom the letter or package which accompanies it is delivered, must be immediately inclosed to the Postmaster at the office where it originated.

Should the registered letter not be delivered, this receipt must be forwarded with it, in due course, to the Dead-Letter Office.

No. 8693.

, 1877.

Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

W. P. Minch
G. V. Preble
Brookline
Mass.

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.



Received the above-described letter.

Sign }
here. }

Ernest P. ...

Cottage Farm

Beverly Brook

May 31. 1879

My Dear Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of a bronze copy
of the Public Medal for which I return
you my thanks. I am also greatly
obliged for your transferring my letter
on the subject of the bill for the old
fly to Lewis Wilson, of ^{the City of New York} and
I am hoping
to hear from him —

If we ever have a visit coming I hope your
artistic taste will give us something better
than any thing we have yet had, and that
will compare with the best coins of Europe.

Very Truly Yours
Geo. Henry Peck

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Brookline Mass.

May 31st, 1879

George Henry Preble.

Thanks for copy of Preble
medal.

Also receipt for registered
letter containing the same

Hopes for improved
M. S. images.

Rec^d June 2nd, 1879.

Wakefield National Bank.

Wakefield, R. I., May, 31st 1879.

Sir,

Your letter of the 29th is rec^d. in reply to mine of the 28th. I have not made a mistake. On the 14th I sent you ch. for \$50. for minor coins, and rec^d. your reply in due time. On the 16th I sent ch. for \$1,000 for \$1,000 Standard Silver Dollars, and not receiving them as soon as usual I thought there might be some delay in sending and so waited several days expecting them every day until my last letter. It must have been overlooked in some office, as it was ordered on the envelope "to be returned in ten days if not called for."

I herein enclose another ch. for \$1,000. for \$1,000. Standard Silver Dollars, which please forward as soon as possible, and if the other ch. (No. 7981. \$1,000) comes to you please return it.

Yours very Respectfully
D. M. C. Stedman
Cash

D. A. Louden Snowden Esq
Supt.

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Wakefield, R. I.

May 31st, 1879

D. M. C. Stedman
Edsh^r

Encloses cheque #7393 for
\$1000 Standard Silver.

cheque returned

Rec^d June 2nd, 1879.

Excelsior Richland Co Wis.
May 30th 1874 H. W.

Excelsior Richland Co Wis.
May 30th 1874 H. W.

U.S. Essay Office
I send an other specimen
of Mineral Please answer and oblige.

Yours Respectfully
W. H. Blair

Excelsior Wis.
Richland Co.

Oxide of iron, with pyrites.
no value

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Excelsior,

Richland Co. Wis.

May 30th, 1879

W. H. Blair.

Sends specimen of
mineral for exami-
nation.

Oxide of iron, with
pyrites; no value.

Recd June 3rd, 1879.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Rooms of the School Committee.

Mason St., May 30. 1879

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.

Sept. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir:—

Your communication
relative to Franklin Medals
received. Will you kindly
send word as to the expense
of having a new die for
the reverse of the medal
to replace the cracked die?
I oblige

@6/3/79

Yours truly

Geo. C. Smith
Sec. Sch. Com

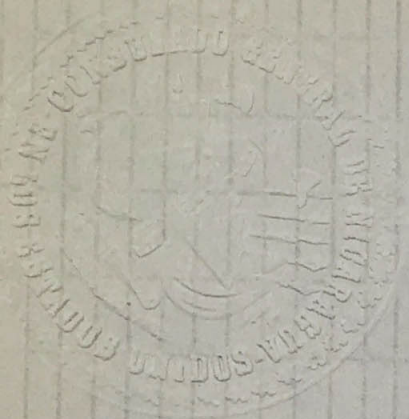
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Geo. A. Smith
Sec'y School Com.
Boston, Mass.
May 30. 1879

Enquiring cost of
making new device
die for Franklin Medal.
in place of the old
one cracked.

Rec^d June 3rd 1879
P^{ay} June 3/79



62 West 36 Street
New York May 29. 1879

Hon. Sir

In answer to your inquiry of yesterday I would say that the Gov^t of Nicaragua has not specified the nature of the coins they wish to issue, and all I know at present is that those current in the country are gold, silver and nickel. The centavos of the latter are 25% Nickel & 75% copper made for them in the U. S.

I am, Hon. Sir, Very Respectfully
Your obl. serv

Alexander I. Cothrel

Hon. A. London Snowden
Sup^r U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

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New York.

May 29th, 1879

Alexander J. Cothrel
Consul Gen^l of
Nicaragua.

States that he does not
know what metal
the Nicaraguan Govern-
ment desires to coin
in the proposed Mint.

Recd May 31st, 1879.

W.H.

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, May 29, 1879.

Sir:

I have you herewith Transfer Order No. 8011,
dated May 28, 1879, drawn in your favor, on the Mint
U. S. Denver Cal. for \$ 5,783. ⁴⁸/₁₀₀, proceeds of bullion
forwarded to your Office.

Will you please make the necessary entry in
my "Bullion Fund Account".

Very respectfully
D. Dickinson
Treasurer U. S.

Superintendent:

Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Noted
L.H.

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Washington D. C.

May 29th, 1879.

James Gillfillan
Treasurer

Incloses Transfer Order
8011 on Denver Mint
for \$5,783.48. Proceeds of
gold bullion

Recd May 31st, 1879.

The Mint of the United States

AT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

May 29, 1879.

Sir:

I have shipped to you this day, in obedience to the instructions of the Director of the Mint, one box containing our Standard Troy weights, which are sent you for the purpose of being adjusted.

Very respectfully

H. T. Foote

Superintendent

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Penn

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The Mint of the United States

AT

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

May 29th, 1879.

H. S. Foote

Superintendent.

Sends box of weights
for adjustment

No. of Enclosures,

Recd June 2nd, 1879.

To The Director of the
United States Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Waynesboro. Pa. May 29th 1879

5/31/79

Dear Sir:- I this day sent a box of
Mineral Specimens numbering each specimen
carefully (20 in all) taken from the South Moun-
tain near Monterey Franklin Co. Pa. and Adams
County Pa. I was told you would examine any
specimens free of charge and report the result.
If I have been misinformed you will be so
good as to let me know and I will give an
order on you for the box and will have it
examined elsewhere. What I am desirous
of knowing especially if any of the more
valuable metals are found in the smallest
quantities in any of these specimens.

1st If not the copper ores nos 1, 4, 7, and espe-
cially no 10, have a small percentage of Nickel Oxide
or arseniate of Nickel which is of apple green
color.

2nd If there is any silver in nos 11, 12, 13, and espe-
cially nos 16, and 17.

3rd If the copper rock bears any gold and if any
trace is found in no. 20. Yours Respectfully
Dean A. Smith

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Waynesboro, Pa.

May 29th, 1879.

Isaac M. Smiley.

Sends box of specimens

(20) of rock for examina-
tion.

Recd May 31st, 1879

Pr: May I ask
you to forward some
2 fresh unused
half-dimes?

Yours truly

S. G. Thaxter.

18 P.O. Square

Boston

Mass

May 28/79

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Boston, Mass.

May 28th, 1879

G. L. Thaxter

Sends two $\frac{1}{2}$ dimes
& requests new ones
in return.

coins returned, with
information that there
have been none struck
since 1873.

Rec^d May 29th, 1879.

In replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,

Washington City, D. C., May 29th, 1879.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday, enclosing draft for \$40. on acc of pay of Mr. Harvey Hughes, received. The remaining pay order for \$24. is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully,
J. McDonald.

A. Lorden Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Washington, D.C.
May 29th, 1879

S. W. McDonald.

Has received draft of
\$40 on a/c of pay of
Harvey Hughes.

Transmits another pay
order for \$24.

Rec^d May 31st, 1879.

BOX 10
POST OFFICE

Hendricks Brothers.

49 CLIFF STREET

New York, May 28 1879

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 26th inst received
contents of which have our attention
We enclose duplicate receipted invoice
for 20 Ingots of "Old Kust. ingot Copper"
amounting to \$39.84. and will authorize
some party in your city to call and
sign for the same.

Yours Truly
Hendricks Brothers

A. Landrum Anderson &

Supl of the Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia

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New York.

May 28th, 1879.

Hendricks, Brothers.

Enclosing duplicate receipts
for \$39.84, sample lot of
copper.

Will authorize some one
in Philadelphia to sign the
warrant for the money.

Rec^d May 29th, 1879.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/MAY

U.S. MINT
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
1879/MAY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/JUNE

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company **TRANSMITS** and **DELIVERS** messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.
Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of **Unrepeated Messages**.
This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Boston

6/27

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Received at

To

Wm E Smith

Cancel my order for two sets of proof coins

Wm E Smith

Spa

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE
S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

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Boston, Mass.

June 27/79

Smith, Wm E.

Countermand
order for 2 proof
sets

coins had been already
sent. Del.

June 27th, 1879.

REVD THE NOTICE VI THE TOP

J.M.
In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 26, 1879

Sir:

Herein please find Transfer Order No. 8566,
dated June 24th 1879, drawn on the Mint U. S. Denver
Col. for \$7,254.⁸⁴/₁₀₀, being proceeds of bullion forwarded
to your Office by registered mail.

You will oblige me by making the usual
entry in my "Bullion Fund Account."

Very respectfully

Wm. B. Ewing

Treasurer U. S.

Superintendent:

Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Noted 6/27/79
H. R. L.

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Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.
June 26. 1879

Las. Gilfillan

Enclosing T.O. #8566⁸⁴
a Denver Mint for \$7234⁸⁴
Gold in T.O. U.S.

Recd June 27th, 1879.

JOHN R. GOODWIN, President.

CHAS. F. GOODWIN, Cashier.

THE BROOKVILLE BANK,

J. R. GOODWIN & SON,

Brookville, Ind., June 26, 1879

Sir:

Will you please inform us how we may obtain new one cent pieces & five cent (nickel) pieces from the mint? By sending us the regulations in regard to procuring them. And the quantities in which they may be obtained you will oblige

Yours very Resp
Chas F Goodwin Esq

To
The Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

enclosure sent
6/30/79

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Brooksville, Ind
June 26/79

Chas. F. Goodwin
Cn

Inquire how to
procure seed 1¢
and 5¢ price per
lb (the latter)

Recd June 30th, 1879.

OFFICE OF

CHARLES H. PARK.

Revenue Collector, Trustee, &c.,
FOR GREENE COUNTY, TENN.

Greeneville, Tenn, June 26th 1879.

D^r Sirs,

You will please
send to my address quotations
on Mexicans or other
Foreign coins, that is the
amount you are paying for
them, and oblige &c.

Very Respectfully
C. H. Park.

Claf 28/79

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Greenville, Tenn
June 26/79

A. St. Park

Inquire Mint
Value of Mexican
other foreign Silver
Coins.

Rec^d June 28th, 1879.

Montreal, June 26th

Genllemen

6/28/79

I have
been applied to, to pur-
chase eight or ten
Pompeian coins which
have by experts been
pronounced genuine.
The person who wishes
to dispose of them has
met with misfortune
and is in distress for
money I therefore wish

to ~~disposal~~ ^{give my aid in} selling them
and if possible to realize
their full value. Presum-
ing that there is a collec-
tion of coins in the Mint
I take the liberty of address-
ing you with the hope
that you may be willing
to purchase them, or
at least to advise me
where to apply for a
possible purchaser
and to suggest what ^{price} such
coins (if certainly genuine)
should command. I am
individentally in no way
interested in the sale
but should feel very

grateful for any assist-
ance or advice in
this matter as I am
most anxious to do all
I can to relieve a most
worthy person and one
who is a native of your
own country. I have the
honour to be

Most Respectfully
Yours G H Torrance

1154 Dorchester Street
Montreal
Canada

Montreal, Canada
June 26/79

Laura G. H. Torrance

Wants to sell
Some Pompeian
Coins

Recd June 28th 1879.

The Watsontown Bank,

Watontown, Pa., 6/25 1879

Director A S Smith Esq. Cashier.
Phila Pa

Dear Sir: === Your favor of — inst.
received, with enclosures as stated.

I credit \$ —

and enter for collection —

Yours Resp'y,

G. W. Rombach, Cashier.

Enclose

For Cr.

For Coll.

At our counter there are presented
two kinds, of the Blond Silver Dollar, the
one having in the tail of Eagle 7 feathers
and this we regard as the genuine. And we
receive nearly all of this kind, but
occasionally one comes in with 8 feathers
in the tail. Yet it has the proper weight
and seems the proper ring. Please inform
me whether the one with 8 feathers is
spurious, or why the difference. And

oblige Ans 6/27/79

Watson Town, Pa.
June 25, 1879

G. W. Rambach
Ct.

Enquiries if \$10
dollars with 8 and 7
tail feathers are both
genuine.

Recd June 27th, 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

Philadelphia, June 24th, 1879.

The two Dollars described are both
genuine. The dies made in the
first instance having 8 tail feathers
while those in present use have been
7. —

Wm Barker
Clerk.

AKH

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 25, 1879.

Sir:

I send to you this day by Adams Express, one bag containing \$2,076.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ in light weight gold coin, the bullion value of which I will thank you to ascertain, and deposit with the Asst. Treasurer U. S., in your city, for my credit and transmit to me his certificate of deposit in transfer account, together with your memorandum.

Very respectfully,

La. B. Freeman

Treasurer U.S.

R. & W. S. Crocker
Tr. Clerk

Mr. 26th 1879

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.
June 25. 1879

James Gilfillan.

M. D. C. #840.

110.60 oz. Forwards of
Exmp # 2076 50 light
gold coin; the bullion
value to be deposited
with Asst Treas. U. S.
at Philadelphia,
in transfr

C/D #2235. for
#2057, 30.
forwarded June 28th, 1879.

Rec^d June 26th, 1879.

Lancaster County National Bank.

Lancaster, Pa.

June 25 1879.

Director of

U. S. Mint Esq., Cashier.

Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

the *inst., with stated enclosures, is received.*

Your favor of

Very Respectfully,

W. L. PEIPER, Cashier.

Enclose for Collection.

*Please send me circular describing the
manner of redeeming subsidiary coin*

Sent 6/27/79

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Laurel Pa

June 25, 1879

W. L. Peiper Esq

Requests copy of
Circular for the Com-
-missioners of Subsidia-
-ry Com.

Recd June 26th, 1879.

U. S. Mint,
Phila, June 23, 1879.
Prof J C Booth,
Brook

For In presenting and asking
you to transmit to the Superin-
tendent, if you approve it,
my application for an extension
of my leave of absence, may
I request your kind attention to a
point which I do not therein
refer to, ^{with} lest I seem to ask
too much, and also because
my knowledge is partly in-
formal - yet which is of
some importance.

The leave was granted by
Gov. Pollock, and extended by
Col. Snowden on account of
sickness, satisfactorily
attested; but it was without
the half-pay which the rules
of the Mint allow in such
cases - at least, as I am informed,
up to a certain length of time.
I have reason to believe that
half pay would have been
allowed me originally, but

for the low state of the
appropriation for the
current year.

I am now compelled
under urgent medical
advice, to ask for a further
extension, running into the
next fiscal year.
May I ask you to consider
whether, in view of these facts,
and if my information
is correct, ~~may I ask you to~~
~~consider whether you~~ can
represent the ^{case} to the Superintendent
and inquire if half-pay
can ^{properly} now be allowed me
for such a period as the
rules of the Service would have
authorized in the first
instance -

Very respectfully Yours
Henry Winter Syle.

The
Mint of the United States,
at
Philadelphia, 26. June 1879

Sir,

Being wholly unacquainted
with the law or custom involved in W^r
Syle's note to me, herewith enclosed,
I prefer to submit it to your conside-
ration, and decision, precisely as he
penned it.

Very respectfully yours
J A C Booth

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M + R

June 26/80

Ja. C. Booth
M + R

Submits ap-
plication of M. W.
Tyle for further
leave of absence
on half pay.

Rec^d June 26th, 1879.

Canton, O. June 25th '79.

Hon. James Pollock;
Philad^a.

Dear Sir:

Will you please write,
on enclosed postal card, the
value of standard Mexican
Dollar delivered at the U.S.
mint?

Respectfully Yours,

W. C. Getz

@ 6/27/79

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Canton, O.
June 25. 1879

W. J. Getz,

Enquirer about
value of Mexican
dollars.

Rec^d June 29th, 1879.

OFFICE OF
GEO. H. M. BARRÉTT,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
Rockport, Knox Co.,

Rockport, Maine.

June 24 1879

J London Snowden Esq
Sup U S Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

I enclose please
find three dollars and
sample of ore to be assayed
for silver & gold.

This ore is from the surface
and I wish to know if there
is any trace of silver or gold
and the proportion - for the
purpose of private investment.

Yours very truly
George J Harkness

Contains a faint trace of silver,
& is of no value.

Mint charge \$3, paid.

D.

360½

Rockport, Maine
June 25. 1879

Geo. T. Starkness

Enclosing \$3.
& are to be assayed
for Gold & Silver.

Recd June 27th, 1879.

Ref 26/49

Frederick Po June 24/79

To The Philada Mint

Dear Sir

We got for Postage Stamps \$20.00 of the
Small silver 3¢ pieces and were directed
to have them Exchanged at the Philada Mint-
Will you Exchange them if not down let
us hear and will bring down we get them
in the Po

Very Respectfully Yours
C. S. Exeter PM

Frederick Po Mint Co.

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Frederick, P. O. Pa

June 24, 1879

A. S. Metten, M^r

Wants to send
\$20. in silver 3 p
pieces for exchange.

Rec^d June 25th, 1879.

Catlettsburg, Ky.,

June 24 1879

London Snowden

Supt. W. & S. Mint

Philadelphia Penn

Dear Sir

Enclosed 14th inst I
enclosed 58 together with another
sample Ore. to pay ^{for} assaying
over. I have nothing from you

I put the money & ore together
in a small pkgy. sealing & tying
tiring around same and as
I have heard nothing from yet
I thought ^{that} perhaps a report had
been enclosed to me, & some one
had got it. through mistake.

I may possibly receive it yet

Yours Respectfully

W. S. Wellman

P.S. my P.O. Box is
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Recd June 29th, 1879.

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Penn.,

ASSAY DEPARTMENT,

....., 187 .

Sample of ore sent from
Cattlettsburg Ky.

The rock is Carbonate of
lime and quartz with alumina.
Contains about 40 percent
of sesqui oxide of iron.

Does not contain Zinc, tin
~~or~~ lead or Nickel

Catlettsburg, Ky,
June 24. 1879.

H. B. Wellman

Sent \$5. and an
for assay. Wants
Report

Assay's report
filed herewith

Recd June 27/79

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 23rd 1879

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent U.S. Mint.

Sir,

I have the honor to herewith submit
for your consideration a statement of the condition
of the Scales and Weights used in the several departments
of the Mint.

Supt. Dept.	Standard balance	Capacity	Condition
		500 ozs.	good

{ 6 foot beam "	10,000 "	"
{ needs two new clipping pans. }		

Cashiers-room	4 foot beam balance	5000 ozs.	good
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{ Deposit Weigh-room	5 "	" "	6000 "	"
	4 "	" "	4000 "	"
	3 "	" "	500 "	"

Redemption room	5 "	" "	6000 "	"
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{ Melters and Refiners	5 "	" "	5000 "	"
	{ Dept. This needs a new set of weights as those now in use are unfit for further service. }			

<u>Coiners Dept.</u>		Capacity	Condition
Coining room	6 foot beam balance	6000 ozs	fair.
	4 " " "	1000 "	good
Coiners Office	4 " " "	1000 "	"

As to small balances used in this Dept. please see special report made to Coiner.

I also beg leave to say, that owing to the want of proper light and room and the constant draft occasioned by the opening and closing of the door of the Adjusting room I should esteem it a favour if at your convenience you would be able to make such arrangements as would afford me better facilities for doing my work.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. Westermarck

Adjuster of Scales & Weights.

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U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
June 23/79

A. Westmaier
Adjuster of Scales & Weights,

Reports the condi-
-tion of the Scales &
Weights used in the
several departments
of the Mint.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia,

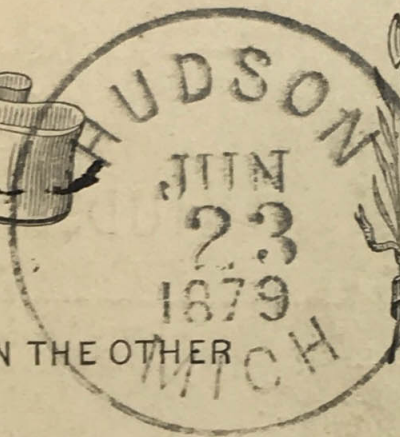
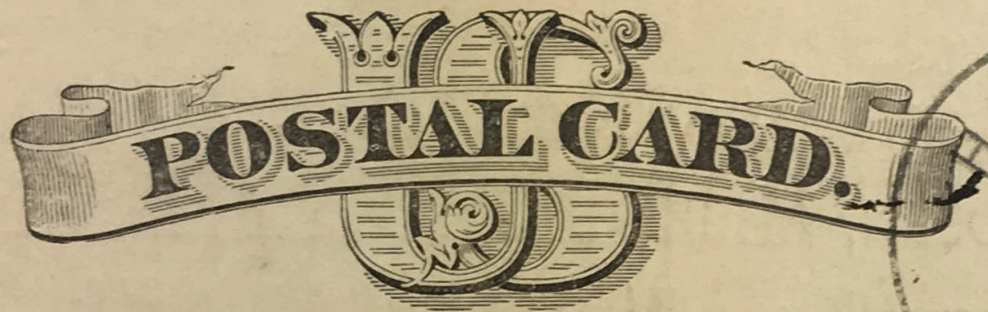
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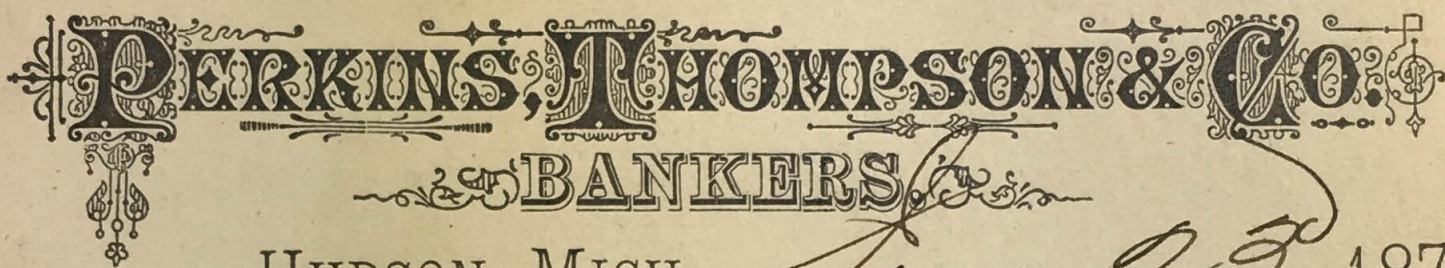
Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Penn

M. B. PERKINS.
W. B. THOMPSON.
G. I. THOMPSON.

ESTABLISHED 1867.



HUDSON, MICH., June 23 1879

~~Your favor of the inst. is received with enclosure.~~

Yours truly,

PERKINS, THOMPSON & CO.

We have on hand two boxes in
which standard Dollars were
shipped to us. Shall we give
them to Express Co. to be returned?
S/

me.

Please Write them. to
return the Boxes if the
Express Co will return
them free

Y^{rs} Thompson

✓ 7 23500 ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

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✓ m c i ✓

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Hudson, Mich.
June 23/75

Perkins, Thompson & Co

Enquirer of two
specie boxes, shall
be returned.

Recd June 25/75

Hallie Smith actg.
WM. D. OLMSTED, CASH'R.

JNO. OLMSTED, PRES'T.

The First National Bank
of Yonkers,

YONKERS, N. Y. June 23^d 1879

Director of the United States Mint
at Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

I would like to obtain
2 sets (proof coins) of the silver & nickel coin-
age of the present year 1879. If you have
them please inform me the value of same
and enclose by registered mail and I will
remit in N.Y. dfr.

Very respectfully
Hallie Smith

@ 6/24/79

350

Yonkers, N Y

June 23/79

Wallis Smith

Wants 2 pages

Set, Engraving, price

Rec^d June 24th, 1879.

Cashier.

Washington, June 23rd, 1877.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 7365-

payable to the order of yourself

and accountable for under the following appropriations, viz:

577

Parting ^{an} Refining Gullion

577

Very respectfully,

Das Kiffieen

Treasurer U. S.

A. Gordon Snowden.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Phila. Pa.

(This letter of advice is to be forwarded to the Disbursing Officer or Agent.)

Credited as directed,

1879

June 24.

Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.
June 23, 1879

Jas. Gilfillan

Enclos'd draft
for \$500. for expenses
of Refugy.

Rec'd June 24th, 1879.

Superintendent's Office,
U. S. Court-House and Post Office

Philadelphia, June 23rd 1879.

Dear Sir:

Since the receipt of a communication from the Supervising Architect, quoting a communication from you of the 10th inst, relative to the necessity of increased Vault Room, I have made a personal examination of the U. S. Mint Building under your charge in this City, and am now prepared to report upon the necessity and extent of the Vault accommodations for storage of coin whenever it will suit your convenience to state the requirements of your department in writing.

Very Respectfully
Edw M. Arthur

Supt of Repairs

A. Louden Snowden Esq
Superintendent
U. S. Mint
Phila Pa.

on 7/15/79

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Philadelphia Pa

June 23 / 79

Mrs. M. Arthur. Jr.
Suptg Architect

Will report upon
the necessity of more
vault room in the
Mint, whenever Supt
states the requirements
of the service in
writing.

Recd June 24th 1879.

The
Mint of the United States,
^{at} Philadelphia, June 21st 1879

Prof J. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

Dear Sir

In looking

over the rolls of your department, for
the months of April and May just past
I find Twenty six (26) hours overtime.
and during this fiscal year now draw-
-ing ^{to a close} under Gov. Pollock there is 36 —
additional hours to the above, I am ^{urg-}
-ed, by your ^{men} to call your attention to the
above, and respectfully request you to
bring the matter to the notice of the Hon.
A. Londen Snowden Superintendent of
this Mint ^{and} solicit the payment of the
same. The dayso this time was made,
There was one hundred and twenty
eight thousand ounces of silver
Ingots, or ^{made per day} 7 Melts to each furnace.

six furnaces running at the same
time. This heavy work had to be
done, in order to meet the demand
for the silver dollars, by giving.
This request your prompt attention
you will greatly oblige your
Obedient Servant

J. C. Garrigue
Foreman

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

23rd June 1879

Sir

I enclose a note to me from the Foreman in relation to some overtime. I can only say that I know the sums to be correct, & further that the late Suptdt did promise the men to honor their account. I suppose he failed for want of funds, but do not certainly know. I can vouch for the integrity of the men in keeping their account, & feel constrained to say that ~~it~~ would be difficult to find a set of men, more willing even to work without overtime ^{allowed} in case of necessity, or more industrious while at work, & if any thing can be done I hope it may, while at the same, if not allowed, they will not grumble, for I have told them, that you would not

go beyond the appropriation allowed by Congress,
but would be constrained to act according to law.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth
M. V. R.

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Jay. L. Booth

M & R

June 23/79

Inquiring about
allowance for
rent, in M & R
dept.

[1 enclosure]

Rec^d June 24th, 1879.



62 West 36 Street

New York June 21. 1879

Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 19th,
giving the number and occupations
of employees necessary for the working
of a small mint, has been received,
completing the information desired by
the Government of Nicaragua, and
I beg to tender you the thanks
of the Government for the courtesy
and kindness in furnishing the data.

I am, Sir, truly

Yours Obs. Serv.

Alexander L. Cotheal

Consul Genl of Nicaragua

Sir,

A. Loudon Snowden

Sup. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

New York

June 21/79

Alex. J. Crothead

Consul Port Nicaragua

Received with
thanks list of com-
-pliments for small
mint.

Rec^d June 23rd, 1879.

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Geo M Adams
Clerk Ho. Rep. U.S.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

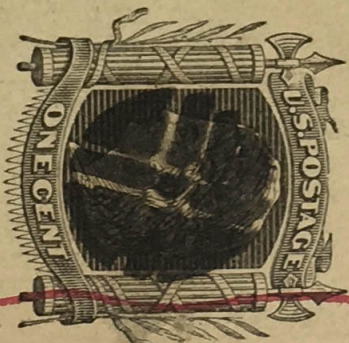
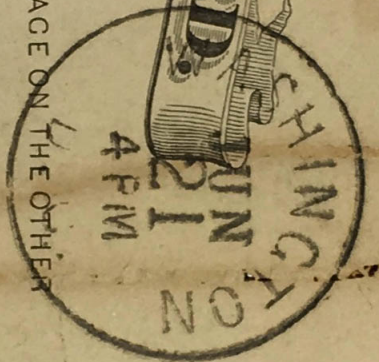
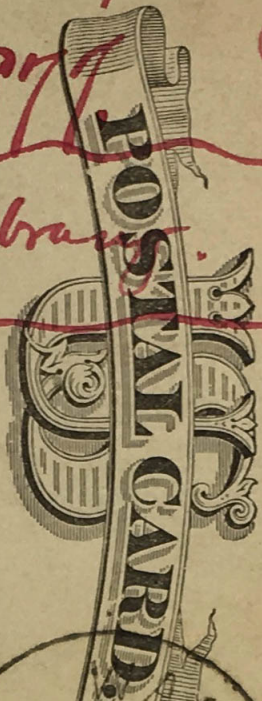
21 June 1877

How does for library

Wm. H. Drake Messrs.

Philadelph

Pa.



Recd 22 June 1877.

Clerk's Office, House Reps.,

Washington, D. C. *June 21st*, 1877.

Sir:

one
~~Two~~ bags, containing 50 vols. of bound documents of the 1st Session, 44th Congress, have this day been forwarded to your address by mail, to wit:

House Ex. Docs. 20 vols.

" Mis. " 10 "

" Repts. 9 "

~~Senate Ex. Docs. 1 "~~

~~" Mis. " 1 "~~

~~" Repts. 2 "~~

No Journal 1 "

Reports on the Vienna Exhibition.... 4 "

~~Hay's U. S. Import Duties 1 "~~

No Journal 2^d Session 1 "
Very respectfully,

GEO. M. ADAMS,

Clerk.

Wm. G. Bentley, Treas.

Treasurer's Office,

Columbiana County,

New Lisbon, Ohio, June 21st 1879

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you a sample of money in circulation in large quantities in this neighborhood, bearing date 1827, 28, 29 31. From its appearance I would say that it has not been in circulation since 1879.

Please give me your opinion concerning it.

Respectfully Yours
A. H. Brown
Deputy Treasurer.

6/23/79

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New Lisbon O,
June 21. 1879

H. W. Brown
Dep^y Treas

Engines about
Silver coins of 1827,
'28, '29, & '31, suddenly
put into circulation
in large quantities

Rec^d June 23rd 1879.

Savings Bank of Morristown.

DESIGNATED STATE DEPOSITORY

Morristown, Tenn. 6/20 3. 1879

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Gents.

Will you please inform us the value of the Mexican and Spanish Dollar now, and your mode of buying + making returns for the same, when shipped to you whether you send N.Y. Exchange or return in the Standard Dollar

Please advise us fully as we wish to ship you some

Respy

R. E. Rice

Curbs

6/23/79

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Monistown, Tenn
June 20/79

R. E. Rice, Esq,

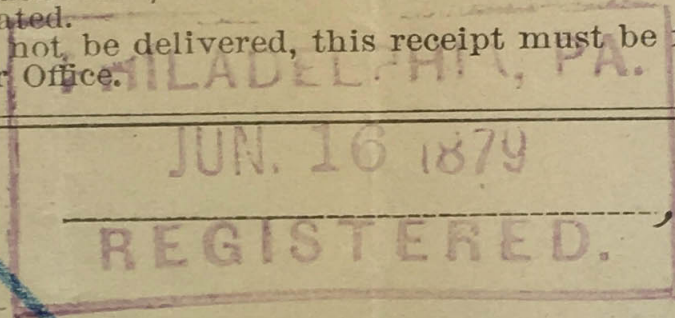
Inquiring present
value of Mexican
Spanish dollars,

Rec^d = June 23rd, 1879.

RETURN REGISTERED-LETTER RECEIPT.

NOTE.—This return receipt, after being signed by the party to whom the letter or package which accompanies it is delivered, must be immediately inclosed to the Postmaster at the office where it originated.

Should the registered letter not be delivered, this receipt must be forwarded with it, in due course, to the Dead-Letter Office.



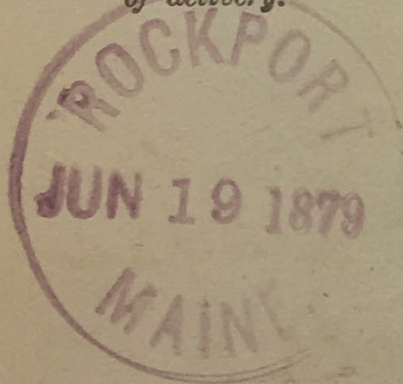
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Mailed at

by U.S. Mint

a letter addressed to Geo H. M. Barrett
Rockport
Me

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.



Received the above-described letter.

Sign
here }

Geo H M Barrett

Rec^d June 23rd, 1879.

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Roskport, Me,
June 19/79

Geo. H. M. Barnett

Receipt for
Registered letter

Recd June 23/79

BETTERTONS & COMPANY,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

Liquors, Cigars & Bitters,
MCGHEE BLOCK, GAY STREET,

Knoxville, Tenn., June 19¹⁸⁷⁹

Director U. S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir: Please be kind enough
to inform me upon what terms
or basis foreign silver coins, such
as Mexican & Spanish dollars, are
now bought at the mint, and
what they are worth the day you
reply to this

Very Truly

J. W. Herndon

@ 6/21/79

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Knapville, Tenn
June 19, 1879

J. M. Herndon

Inquiring
What value of
Foreign Silver coins

Rec^d June 21st 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, June 19, 1879.

Sir

On the very limited scale of outfit which I named, I should say that three employes would be sufficient for the Assay Department in the proposed Mint of Nicaragua.

Very respy

W E DuBois
Assayer

Hon A. L. Snowden

Superintendent of

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

19th June, 1879.

Sir,

The small Mint, for which I made estimates of apparatus & chemicals for the Melting & Refining Dept., would require for this Dept - one melter and two men, for melting and refining; but the same men might be employed at other times in Coining or other operations.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

Hon. A. Landon Snowden, Mr. & R.

One (1) Engineer

One (1) Fireman

2 men of Rolls

2 " of annealers

4 " for Draw bench, cutting
press, pointing machine
+ greasing strips

2 " to mark blanks + clippings

2 " Coining Room

1 " to weigh + count

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Coiner's Dept.

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Sir:

The application in the case of

is suspended. Before the additional bounty provided by the Act of July 28, 1866, can be paid, the widow must file her affidavit, supported by that of two disinterested witnesses, showing that she had not married again previous to the date of the passage of said act. The above is required in this case.

Respectfully, yours;

E. B. Ruch

Auditor.

Mr.

62 West 36 St

N. Y. June 18. 1879

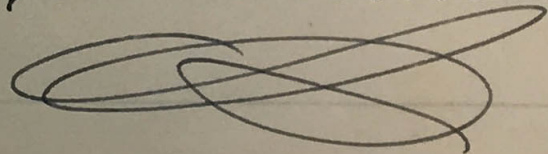
Sir

By tomorrow's mail I shall send to the Govt of Nicaragua the schedules you did me the honor to send me in your kind favor of yesterday and I would now beg to have them supplemented, if not too much trouble, by a memorandum of the employees necessary to work the mint in accordance with the schedules

I am Sir, Very respectfully

Your obl. Svt

Alexander I. Cothrel



Hon A. Loudon Snowden
Sup^t U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

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New York
June 18/79

Alex. J. Batheal
Consul General
Nicaragua,

Rec'd detailed
Schedule of outfit;
& now want list of
employees needed to
run small plant.

[List enclosed]

Rec'd June 19th 1879.

SAMUEL SMALL,
GEORGE SMALL,
W. LATIMER SMALL,
SAMUEL SMALL, JR.

R. A. & S. Small,
MERCHANTS.

York, Pa., June 18 - 1879

Dear Sir:

We received your letter of

We have about \$600.00 worth of
minted United States & Foreign coins of most
all dates & denominations. We would like to
exchange it for New Sic' dollars.

I have advice in how it can be

done.

@ 6/19/79

Respectfully

S. Small

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philad

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York, Pa
June 18/79

Prof. & Dr. Small

Inquiry if un-
-tilated & foreign silver
coin, can be exchanged
for U.S. silver dollars.

Recd June 19th, 1879.

OFFICE OF

The New York Pie Baking Co.,

82 SULLIVAN STREET,

@ 6/10/79 New York, 6/18/79 1879

James Pollack Esq
My dear Sir

As we are about ready
 of for man doing Pmies to you, we
 would respectfully ask if we can
 remind to you any 2^d silver coins
 under at the mine for redemption,
 under the recent act passed for
 the exchange of subsidiary coin.
 By inform us by return of mail
 you oblige yours truly

Wm. Lesless
 Wm. Lesless Treas

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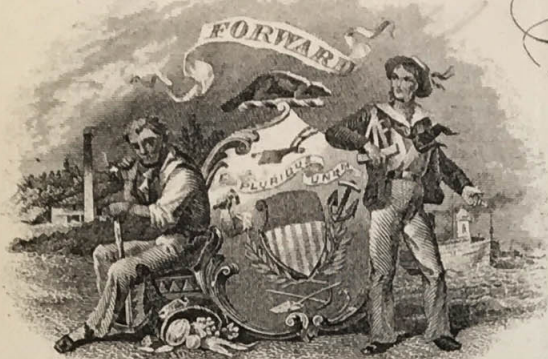
New York

June 18, 1879

N. Y. Pie Baking Co.
Wm Lessey, Recs

Enquiries of Silver
34 pieces, can be
sent to the Mint for
redemption, under the
recent Act for the Ex-
change of Subjidi-
ary Silver Coin

Rec^d June 20th, 1879



State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF

SECRETARY OF

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Madison June 18 1879

James Hallack

Prof. A. T. Smith

Dear Sir -

Have you the dies
belonging to Wisconsin State Agricultural
Society? Sent you by Mueller of Milwaukee
of "Grand Silver Medal" & "Silver Medal"
they are the property of Soc - and can
we correspond direct with with you
for the medals when we want
them struck off

Yours etc Smith

Sec. C. Bryant

Sec -

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Madison, Wis.

June 18. 1879.

Geo. E. Bryant
Senr

Enquiries about the
dies for medals, & the
Wis. Agr. Assoc. & how
to get medals struck.

Recd June 25th 1879.

@ 6/25/79

Post Office

Malone N.Y.

June 17. 1879

Sir-

Parties in this place, have recently discovered a vein of Mineral of which the inclosed is a fair sample, taken from within 18 inches to 2 feet of the surface, - after a blast.

They desire authentic & accurate information as to what it is, & whether it is of any value or no.

For that purpose I send this sample to you, desiring an assay or analysis of it - if its nature is not determinable at.

Both specimens are of the
same character, & contain only
iron pyrites, often mistaken
for gold.

light. Before incurring
any expense of assay
will you be kind enough
to advise them through
me.

1st Is it, from its appearance,
a mineral of any value

2 - What is it

3 What will be the
expense of assaying this
or a suitably large specimen
of the same substance.

On receipt of your
answer I will advise
you if further proceedings
are desired.

Respectfully

Your obt Servt

Doth Supr of the Mints J. J. Seaver
Philadelphia Pa Per
matron

Malone, N. Y.
June 17. 1879.

J. J. Seaver, P. M.

Forwards 2 mic
-real specimens for
examination; and
inquiry cost of an
assay.

[In reply.]

Rec^d June 19th 1879.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

June 17, 1879.

Sir:

The following appointments in the
Coiners' Department of your Mint, submitted
in your communication of the 16th inst.,
are hereby approved to take effect from the
18th instant, viz:

Mrs. Maggie P. Billington, Adjuster, @ \$1.75 per diem.

Mrs. Ann Savell, " " 1.75 " "

Miss Mary Newbold, " " 1.75 " "

Rebecca L. Cole, " " 1.75 " "

Very respectfully,

A. London Snowden, Esq.

R. E. Preston

Supt. Philadelphia Mint. Acting Director.

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A. D. M.

Washington D. C.
June 17. 1879

R. E. Prestons

Approving appt of
Mrs. M. P. Billington,
Mrs. Ann Newell
Miss Mary Newbold
Rebecca J. Cole -
as Adjusters, from
June 18. 1879

Rec^d June 18th 1879.

June 17th 1879

Supdt US Mint Philadelphia Pa

I see by return receipts
of Apr 2^d

that my registered letter containing
rock for assay & five dollars
was received June 6th

I expected that some little time would elaps before I should hear from you, but I would be pleased to know how soon I may expect a return from you in this case and in any other that I may send

Yours very truly
Geo H M Barrett

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Rockport, Me,

June 17. 1879

Geo. H. M. Barrett

Enquiry about
cost sent for assay,
& 5. enclosed.

[If 2. set a 16 June]

Recd June 19th, 1879.

Wolfsville Md June 17th 79

Enclosed

you will find a
speciment which I should
be very much pleased to
learn what it contains
address

J. L. Wolf
Wolfsville
Frederick Co
Md

A copper ore, both native &
silicate. ~~carbonate~~. Rather promising
if in large quantity.

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Walden, Md
June 17. 1879.

J. D. Wolf

Sends mineral
specimen for
-amination.

[copper ore]

Rec^d June 19th, 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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Philadelphia, Pa
June 16. 1879

A. E. Outenbridge Jr

Suggests in-
-provements in
melting & finishing
rolls etc.

Recd June 16/79

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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Superintendent.

Subject:

No. of Enclosures,

Recd June 16th 1879.

June 16th 79

Hon: A. L. Snowden
Superintendent

Sir,

I obtained knowledge last winter, from a gentleman holding contracts with the Mexican Govt. to coin a portion of their moneys, of several metallurgical and mechanical methods practised abroad that possess positive advantages over ours.

Among these are :

1. The system of making

large melts of Silver at Paris.

2. Finishing-rolls at London, which dispense with the necessity of the draw-bench.

3. A method of toughening standard gold & silver without removing the copper alloy.

(This plan has since been tried in the Assay-laboratory on a few ounces of gold-ingot slips rendered brittle by the addition of lead, with very successful results.)

If, in view of your proposed plan to modernize the Phila. Mint, and the possible

advantages that might
accrue from a careful
examination and report
of these improvements, the
opportunity should be
given me of undertaking
the work, when we shut
down for the annual
settlement, by an extension
of the usual summer
leave of absence; I should
be glad to undertake it
without asking for any
remuneration for travelling
or other expenses incurred;
providing, of course, that any

usual stipend continued.

I believe that the work, under ordinarily favorable circumstances, could be accomplished inside of ten weeks.

I have taken the liberty of mentioning this to you directly and informally as you were kind enough some time ^{ago} to ask me to convey any information I might think possibly useful.

I should also be glad to know whether this suggestion meets with your approval and whether you think it practicable.

I am very respectfully
A. C. Cutler

1339 Pine St



Nº 62 West 36 Street
New York June 16. 1879

Sir

I have been much gratified at the pains you have taken to furnish the Govt of Nicaragua with the information they need for their mint, and which they will duly appreciate.

The details of the schedules I think would be an important item for their calculations and would therefore respectfully request that addition to your kindness. The copyists charge will be cheerfully paid by
Yours obe servt

Alexander I. Cothran

Hon. A. London Snowden
Sup^t U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

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New York

June 16/79

Alexander J. Cothran
Consul Nicaragua

Wants itemized
Schedule of the cost of
fitting up small
mill.

Recd June 17th, 1879.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Philadelphia, June 16, 1879.

Assayer's Report of the Weighing and Assay of Test Coins struck at the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, and reserved for this purpose, in the month of June, 1879.

DENOMINATION.	WEIGHT.		FINENESS.	
	GRAINS.	DEC.	GOLD.	SILVER.
Double Eagle -----				
Eagle -----				
Half Eagle -----				
Three Dollars -----				
Quarter Eagle -----				
One Dollar -----	412.9		—	901. —
Trade Dollar -----				
Half Dollar -----				
Quarter Dollar -----				
Dime -----				

Very respectfully,

W E DuBois

Assayer.

To Hon A. L. Snowden

Superintendent.

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Wm. E. DuBois, Esq.
Assayed
June 16. 1879

Reports weight &
fineness of 1 ~~old~~ ^{new} ~~dollar~~
dollar, June, 1879,
from N. C. Hunt.

Recd June 16/79

Recd June 16th, 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, June 16, 1879.

The samples of silver sent here for assay, by Superintendent N. L. Dodge, of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, were, with one exception, too small for even a single assay. We have done the best we could, by adding supplementary fine silver, which of course, cannot give a critical result.

N^o. 7949 (sufficient) 998½.

7965 (supplemented) 997.-

7966 do. 997½.

7989 do. 998½.

W. E. DuBois
Assayer

U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
June 16, 1879

W. E. DuBois
Assayer

Repts assay of
4 samples of
Silver from S. F. Mint.

San Francisco

Rec'd June 16th, 1879

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

June 15th, 1889.

Hon D. M. Fox.

Superintendent

Sir.

I have the honor to report that the sample of Conway's Borax Soap, furnished for trial to wash the grease from blanks and clippings, was found to be of not sufficient strength in comparison to the amount of work cleaned by the soap now in use.

Respectfully Yours

H. A. Hall

Coiner.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

June 15, 1889.

W. L. Steel.

Coiner.

Reports that "Conways"
Sons Borax Soap is
not as good as that
in use.

RECEIVED

Jun 15 1889

No. of Enclosures,

Walt

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 14, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to inform you that through
a clerical error in this office Transfer
Letters mentioned in your telegram yes-
terday were not mailed to you. They were
forwarded by this day's mail.

Very respectfully,

Laurence
Trammell

Wm A. Loudon Morrow

Superintendent
Phila. Pa.

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.
June 14/79

Jas. Gillman

Transfr Letter
mentioned in telegram
had not been sent
but is now for-
warded.

Rec^d June 16th, 1879.

Crumbull National Bank

Warren, Ohio June 1st 1879

W.J. Morgan & Co Lithographers, Cleveland, O.

Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir.

Enclosed find

#32079 Am Exch Nat Bank NY 7/1/80.

For which please send me

Fifty cent pieces

Twenty five " "

Ten " "

50 coins

14 "

\$ 500.

300.

200.

100.

50

\$ 1150.

Yours Very Truly
Kirtland M Fitch

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Warren, O.
June 14. 1879

Ruth M. Fitch
Co,

Enclosing draft
on N. Y. for \$1150. for
sub Silver, and under
Crins.

Rec^d June 16th, 1879.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 13th, 1879.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 7467

on Treasury Warrant No. 1490, for \$45,581⁸⁶

payable to the order of yourself

and accountable for under the following appropriations, viz:

Sal. Mint at Phila.	1879	1675	70
Wages of Workmen	"	23	892 43
Congt. Exps.	"	20	013 73

Very respectfully,

Samuel H. Freeman

Treasurer U. S.

A. Loudon Snowden,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

(This letter of advice is to be forwarded to the Disbursing Officer or Agent.)

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Treasurer, U. S.

June 13. 1879

—
Jas. Gillilan
—

Transmits draft for
\$45,581. 86 balance
of appropriations for
current fiscal year.

Rec^d June 14th, 1879.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 13th 1879.

Hon. A. Louam Snowden,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to state that
I desire to be absent from the City during next
week, and would therefore respectfully request that
my Assistant, Mr. William S. Steel, be made
Acting Coiner during my absence.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

O. C. Porbyshell

Coiner.

@ 6/13/79

O. C. Bosbyshell, }
Clerk

June 13. 1879

Requests appointment
of Mr. D. Steele
as Acting Clerk, during
his absence next
week.

Rec^d June 14th, 1879.

Receipt of Asst Treas. U.S. at Philadelphia, #2200, June 18th, 1879,
for \$5870.60 transmitted June 18th;
John L. Seabate,

WLD
In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 13, 1879.

Sir:

Chief Clerk.

I send by you this day by Adams
Express one safe containing 22 bags of
3 and 5 cent silver coins for exchange,
as follows:

19 Bags	3 ^c	\$300. each	\$5400.
1 "	"	"	45.42
1 "	5 ^c		936.50
1 "	old & mutilated		\$2.
Total			\$6,763.92

I will thank you to ascertain the bullion
value of the same and deposit the amount
with the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at Phila. and
transmit to me his certificate of deposit
in transfer account, together with your mem-
orandum.

Asst. U.S. Mint
Phila. Pa

Very respectfully
Jas. L. Seabate
Treas. U.S.

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Treasurer, U.S.

June 13, 1879

—

Jas. Gilfillan

—

Sends by Express
\$6,763.⁹² in silver
3¢ and 5¢ pieces.
Bullion value to be
deposited & reported.

Rec^d June 14th, 1879.

AM

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, June 13, 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of this
date in reference to the non-receipt by you
of Transfer Letter No. 1252 to 1257, from
this office, I beg to inform you that
they were mailed to you on the 11th inst.,
Should they not have reached you
when you receive this letter, upon being
advised thereof by wire, duplicates
will be prepared and sent you at once.

Very respectfully,

W. D. Fiske
Treasurer U.S.

@ by telegraph
6/14/79

Sup. U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia Pa

Treasurer, U. S.
Washington D.C.
June 13. 1879

James Giffillan

Will duplicate
Transfer Letters Nos.
1252 @ 1257, upon
telegraphic reply
that the originals
have not been
received.

Rec^d June 14th, 1879

RETURN REGISTERED-LETTER RECEIPT.

NOTE.—This return receipt, after being signed by the party to whom the letter or package which accompanies it is delivered, must be immediately inclosed to the Postmaster at the office where it originated.

Should the registered letter not be delivered, this receipt must be forwarded with it, in due course, to the Dead-Letter Office.

No. 0556,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
JUN. 9 1879
REGISTERED.

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Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

Miss
D. W. Stearns
Boston
Mass.

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

Received the above-described letter.

Sign
here. }

D. W. Stearns

Rec^d June 12th, 1879.

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Boston, Mass.
June 1879

F W Stevens

Receipt for
Registered letter.

Filed June 12/79

A. W. MILLER,
Successor to
TRYON & MILLER,
Wine & Liquor Dealer,
57 MARKET ST.,
Corner of Monroe St.

New York,

June 11 1879

Dear Sir

6/12/79

I wish to ask a favor from you, would you oblige me with some 10¢ coins from the years 1864, 5, 6, 7, 8. one of each is sufficient. it is to be a birthday to a relative of mine who will be 21 years old the coming week & I wish to give him a case inlaid with 1¢ coin from each year since he was born up to the present. I have all the other years except the above.

Please let me know how I shall remit the required amount to you for the same. Hoping you will give your earliest attention to the same
I remain your respectfully
Louis E. Gross.

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New York

June 11. 1879

Louis E. Gross

Wants 10 ϕ coins,
1864 @ 1868, inc.

Rec^d June 12th, 1879.

OFFICE OF JACOB AMOS & SONS,

EMPIRE STATE MILLS.

JACOB AMOS,
CHAS. L. AMOS,
JACOB AMOS, JR. }

SYRACUSE, N. Y., *June 11* 1879.

Director U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Dear Sir.

Do you redeem any silver
of what denominations, & what amounts
Please give us directions how to ship etc
& oblige

Yours Truly
Jacob Amos

@ 6/23/79

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Syracuse, N. Y.
June 11/79

J. Amos & Son,

Enquires about
the redemption of
Silver Coins.

Recd June 23rd, 1879.

East Saginaw Mich June 11/79

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I have in my possession a silver dollar
coined by the U.S. Mint in 1799. Can you inform me
whether coins of this description are rare? and if so what is
its probable value as a curiosity? Please give me if you
can the names of some prominent collectors of coins

I have no collection of coins and being at present somewhat
straightened in circumstances would like to realize on this one
if of any particular value. An early answer will much
oblige

Yours Respectfully

L. A. Sumrell

Enclosed find an addressed envelope.

@ 6/14/79

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East Saginaw, Mich.
June 11. 1879

C. A. Burwell

Wants to sell a
Silver dollar of 1799,

Rec^d June 14th 1879.

ESTABLISHED IN 1840

Henry Froemer

Manufacturer of

STANDARD SCALES & WEIGHTS

710

Market Street,

Philadelphia June 10 1879

LEHMAN & BOLTON PHIL.

A. S. Louden Snowden Esq
Sup^t U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I send herewith a set of
Standard Current Coin Weights - the
Hon Secretary of the Treasury directs
that they be sent to you for
verification.

Very Truly
Henry Froemer

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Philadelphia, Pa
June 10. 1879

Wm. Frochner

By order of the
Ses. Reading, sends
1 set Standard current
cone weights, for verification.

Recd June 10th, 1879.

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "First Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

C. J. P.

H. C. S.

Treasury Department,

FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

June 10th, 1879.

Sir;

You are requested to furnish a receipt from your successor for the assay and special assay coins turned over by you to him., in order that due credit may be given you therefor

Respectfully

W. M. W. W. W.
Auditor

To.

Hon. James Pollock

Late Supt of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Pa.

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First Auditor Reading
(R. M. Reynolds)

To June 10. 1879

Ex: Supt Pollock

Requesting receipt
from his Successor, for
assay and Special
assay coins turned
over, that due credit
be given.

Rec June 11/79

Phila June 10th 1879.
Hon. A. Souders, Souders,
Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir, - I would like
the privilege of being allowed to estimate on the
coal for the use of the Mint during year ending
June 30th 1880. I have a large yard, all under
cover with every facility for prompt delivery;
hoping to get a favorable response.

I remain Yours Respectfully,
Wm. Spanton
1340 Washington Ave.

314 1/2

Philadelphia

June 10. 1879

Wm Thornton

Wants to submit
estimate to furnish
coal to the Mint
for the ensuing fiscal
year.

Rec^d June 12th, 1879.

W. Sess

S. E bar 10th + Bank

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

June 10th 1879

Hon A. Loomis Snowden
Supr. Mint. Phila
Dear Sir -

We have just received
the cargo (100 tons) of Council
Ridge Coal - ordered by you a
few weeks ago - & which was
specially selected in the mines
by ourselves & hand picked with
extra care for Melting & Ref. Dept.
It would be a matter of some
convenience to us if we could
deliver 20 or 30 tons - (about
one months supply) to day or
tomorrow in the ^{coal} vault of the
Mint - we do put the coal away
without the aid of employees of Mint,
very respy
1118 Washington Ave. Hancock & Bros
243

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Philadelphia, Pa.

June 10. 1879

Branson & Bros.

Just rec'd 100 tons
personally selected
Council Ridge coal
for M. & R. Wants
to put in 20 or 30
tons about

Rec'd June 10th, 1879.

Philadelphia

2244 Ridge Avenue June 9th 1879

Mr Pollock

Dear Sir

Will you please inform
me whether there is any premium
on the eagles premiums for 1859
& 1858. as I have about one hundred
or 25 of them. by so doing you will
greatly oblige Your humble
Servant, J Grist.
P.S Please direct to the above
address.

6/12/79

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Philadelphia, Pa
June 9, 1879

A. Grist

Enquiries about
premium on Layb
Cents of 1857 & 58

Rec^d June 12th, 1879

A. W. Vander, Esq.
Capt.
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir:

Your recd. & reply which say
the same is satisfactory.
Please remit at $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per oz.
is the gold worth any extra
which covers a line some of
the pieces? With due regard

Yours Very Truly
Wm. Bennett

Thos. W. Carpent.
6/9/78. Ducts.

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Baltimore, Md.
June 9, 1879

M. Bremner

Proposed return
of deposit @ 1/2%
per an. interest

Rec^d June 10th, 1879.

June 8. 1879.

Dear Sir

We feel anxious to ascertain the date of this
form of cent when first issued — and when changed —
and the probable date of this cent, by so
doing you will greatly oblige

S. W. Cor. of Sycamore
& Liberty Sts

Wm Martman
Cincinnati
Ohio.

HENRY HUNEKE, GROCER,

S. W. COR. SYCAMORE & LIBERTY STREETS

Please use this Blank for Orders.

Cincinnati, _____ 187

Ordered by _____

No. _____ Street

Leitch Bros., Prs., 24 W. Fourth. *

Recd June 11th, 1879.

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Cincinnati, O
June 8, 1879.

Mr. Wartman

Enquires about
date &c of an old
cent

Recd June 11/79

THOMAS & SHOEMAKER,

BANKERS AND BROKERS,

134 South Third Street.

Philadelphia,

1879.

6/9/79
 6/9/79

June 9th 1879

My Dear Mr. Sumner.
 Your kind note
 of 5th at hand.
 The boy brought me back
 the coins.

There were
 1¢ 2¢ 3¢ 5¢ 10¢ 25¢ 50¢
 & \$1.00. 196. he paid
 \$4. I presume this amount
 was right as they were for
 a corner stone & the party
 wanted perfect specimens

Truly Truly
 To C. Thomas

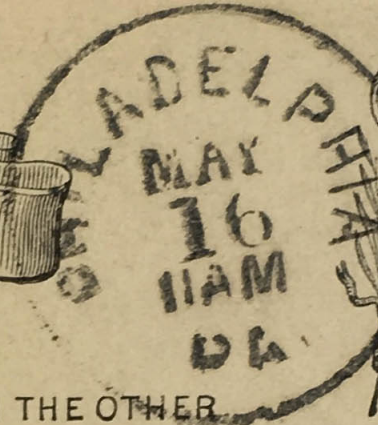
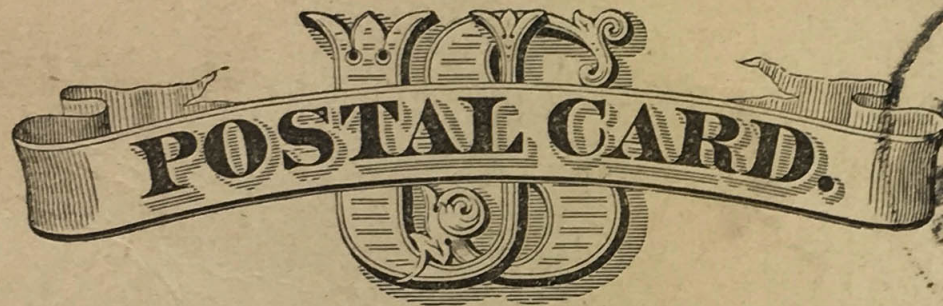
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Philadelphia Pa
June 7. 1879

Geo. C. Thomas

Rec'd Silver & min
Cord set \$1.96 paid
\$4. Suppose that
is right

Rec'd June 9th, 1879.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

*C. Lutz Esqr.
No 1323 Locust Street
City*

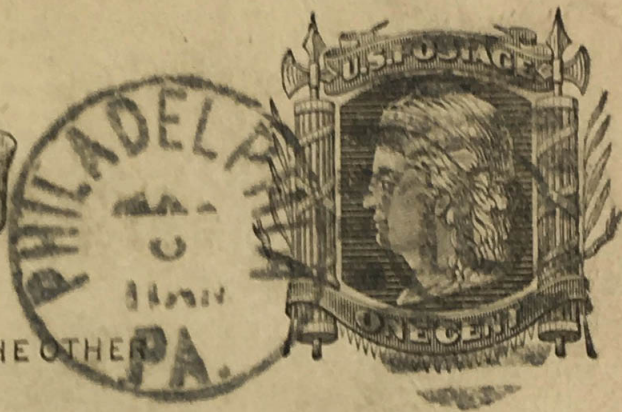
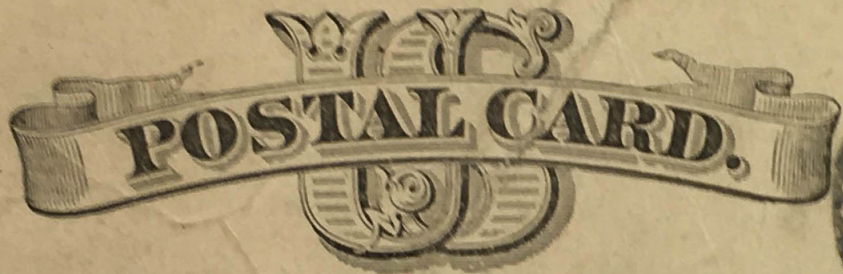
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May 16th 79

E. Rees Eyr.

Dear Sir;—

I will be up
to see you Saturday afternoon
without fail
from yours
S. S. J.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

E. Reaf. Cyr.
No 1323 Chase St.
City

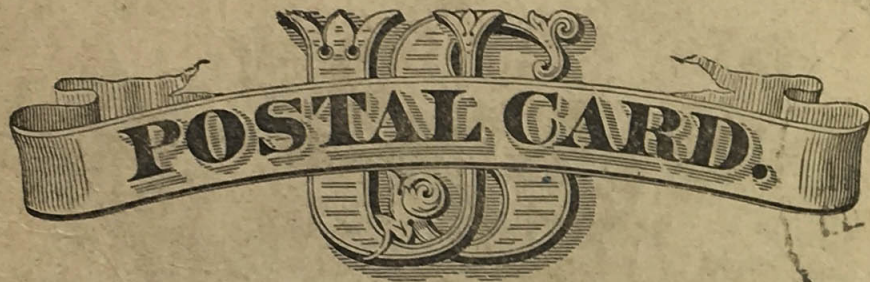
Albion
May 5th 1879

Mr. Reape.

Dear Sir.

I will be
over on the 15th of may
with out fail from y^r c

P. Smith



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



C. L. & Co. Lyr.
No 1323 Grease St
City

Phila
April 9th 1879

C. Rees. Esq. —

Dear Sir:

I promise to be
over on the 1st of April but could
not do anything for you I will
be over on the 28th of this
month without fail

A. Smith

Mr A. Lauder Snowden Philadelphia, June 6th 1879

Dear sir

I very reluctantly
send you again (3) Three Postal Cards from
Mr S. Smith Jr. You will see by them that
he has promised without fail, and has
never shown me his face. I am very sorry
to resort to means like this but I am compelled
to. As I employed a man to help me to
move his furniture and, had to pay this out of
my own pocket.

I am
Very Respectfully Yours

E. Reap
1323 Cease st-
Phila

@ 6/19/79

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Philadelphia Pa.
June 6. 1879

E. Reap

Enclosing 3
unfulfilled postal
order promises of
S. Smith, Jr. to pay
his debt. Wants his
money.

45 for 5
1 600
10800

5/730
1.45
3.

5.45
2.25
100

36 mells
9.25
1.37
4.12

Filed June 19th 1879.

MM

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 6, 1879.

Sir:

I forward this day to your address by Registered Mail, \$29.100 in mutilated silver 3^d pieces, the bullion value of which I will thank you to ascertain and deposit with the Asst. Treasurer U. S. in your city in Transfer Account, advising this office.

Very respectfully,

La Cécile

Treasurer U. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

June 7 1879

Recd & M. Evans

for W. C. Clark

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Treasurer U. S.
(Gilefillan)
June 6. 1879

Forwarded by registered mail
\$29¹⁰ in mutilated 34
silver pieces. Full
value to be deposited to

Mr. D. C. # 268.

Rec^d June 7th 1879.

POST OFFICE.

Windsor Locks, Ct., June 6th 1879.

Sup't. of Mails
Philadelphia Pa

I herewith send
you 185. Whole 3^d pieces 5.55
146 Clippings " — the
amount of the whole, please pass to my credit
as Postmaster & oblige
Yours Truly
A. M. Morse
P.M.

8.55-

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Windsor Locks, Ct.
June 6: 1879.

A. M. Benson P.M.

Forwarded whole
& clipped 3 of pieces
to be placed to his
credit as P.M.

Rec'd June 9th, 1879.

WENDOVER & McCLELLAND,

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERS,

180 & 182 SPRINGFIELD AVE.

Newark, N. J., June 5th 1879

Director of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

If we send you
a Certified for Fifty Dollars on
one of our National Banks
will you send, Carriage Free, that
amount in New Pennies?

An answer will greatly oblige,
yours very Truly

Wendover & McClelland

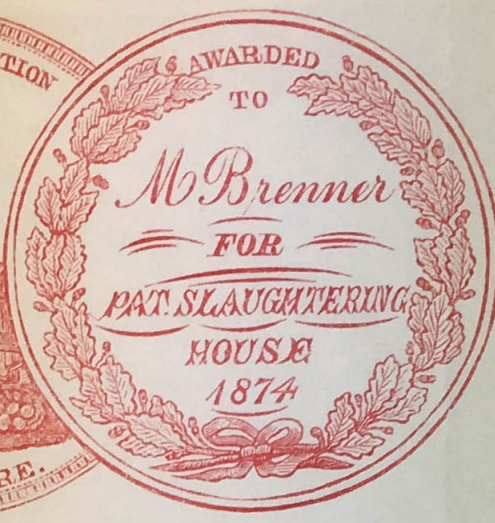
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Mendons & McClelland
Newark, N. J.
June 5. 1879

Engaging of Bank
check with process
new penning, delivered
free.

Rec'd June 6th, 1879.



Recd June 14 1879

Baltimore, June 5th 1879.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir,

I sent you per Adams' Express, a lot of Silver =
=ware to care for me in trade dollars.
please return the same coined to me soon
as possible & oblige

Yours most respectfully,
M. Brenner,
#240 N. Carey st.

425
evening
June 2/1879

Mr. Brenner.

delivered
to
Baltimore

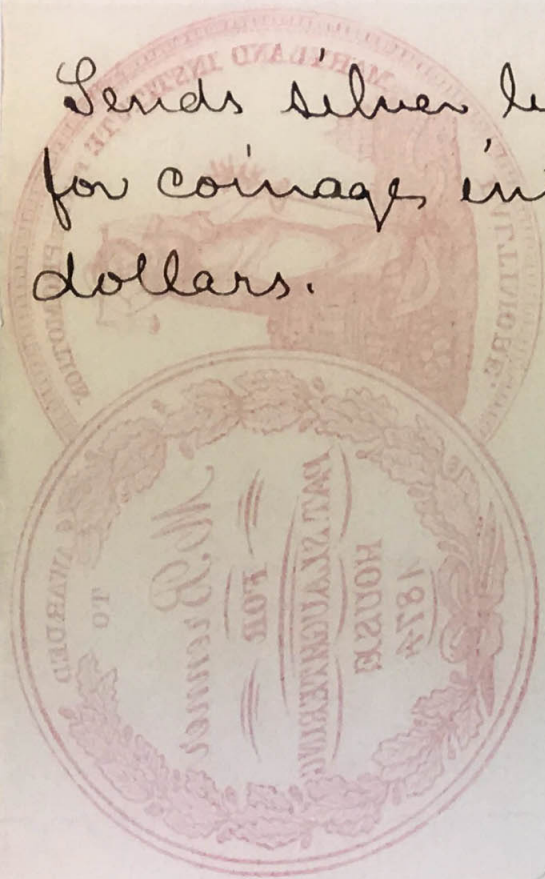
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Baltimore

June 5th, 1879

Mr. Bremmer.

Sends silver by Express
for coinage into Trade
dollars.



Recd June 7th 1879.

Davenport June 5th 1879

Dr Sir

I have a gold nugget which will
coin between 40 and 50. I wish to dis-
pose of it. Can I have it coined at
the mint. Please answer by return
mail. I am

very respectfully

Your most obt serv

Fred K Baldwin

1605 Prospect Street

Davenport

Iowa

@6/9/79

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Davenport, Iowa
June 5. 1879

Fred. K. Baldwin

Enquiring if gold
nugget worth \$40. or
\$50. can be coined
at the Mint.

Rec^d June 9th 1879.

Catlettsburg Ky June 5th 1879

Superintendent
Of U. S. Mints
Philadelphia Penna

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few days
since in regard to some ore &
metal sent you three or four
weeks ago, that if ^{you} would have
the same analyzed, & report
that I would remit you 5\$
by mail. The gentleman who
owns the land, was to see me
today, ^{and} instructed me to
write, that if you would have
it analyzed, & report to me
the fact & enclose bill of \$ of
Chas that he would give me
a check or P.O. Money order to

send to you, that is. not to
send me the result of analysis
but simply inform me that
the analysis had been made,
& enclose bill for same to me,
& after you had recd. money
for bill, then you could report
to me the results of your
investigations

This man is wealthy &
has offered a chance. if it
will have it analyzed & proves
to be valuable, & he simply
requires me to furnish a bill
of ^{your} charges ~~for~~ then he will give
me the money to send you

I trust you will kindly
comply with my request, to
analyze ~~same~~ the ore & metal, &
send me bill ~~before~~ you so I can
send you money before you
make known the Analysis

The white metal accompanying
the ore sent you a good while
ago, is produced from the
ore upon the second running
out & it makes a Solder
for Soldering tinware of a
superior quality, so it must
either contain a portion of Tin
or it must be white Nickel.

The ore yields this white
metal in abundance, which
has been repeatedly demonstrated
here, by using a Flux, as
follows,

As I have not the statement
at hand, I cannot give the Flux
used in melting it. & I had
in fact already sent that to
you a few days ago.

The metal is easily taken from
the ore according to the mode sent
you, & an ore which will yield
a white soft metal in abundance.

valuable & desirable
certainly

I do trust
this matter
will be attended
to without
delay.

I enclose you
another piece
of metal & a
piece of ore
already burnt
or calcined.

Yours Respectfully

Hugh B. Newman

P.S. my P.O. Box

is No 113.

In melting it according to the
foregoing Recipe. Care must be
taken that the heat is not
allowed to get too intense,

but must be watched & when the heat
of the crucible is just right the
metal will drop down as will be
indicated by a gentle & steady
depression in the Center of the
mass of pulverized ore. The metal
sent you. you can no doubt determine
its quality & the per cent it contains.

There has but one good vein
of this ore been found & if it
should be tin will be an
important discovery or even white
nickel & which would be glad to have
the U.S. Mint announce to the world at the
proper time.

June 5th 1899

For fear you may not understand, as to what I desire,

I will simply repeat. The man owning the land on which is a vein of the ore sent you, is responsible & has agreed with me, that if I will send the metal & ore to you with the request that you have it

analyzed & ^{or} simply report the
fact & enclosed bill of chgs 5¢
to me. Before you send us the
result of analyses. That he will
give me the money to remit you,
& after you have rec^d the money.
Then you may send us account
of the result of your investigations
Be Sure & send bill of chgs
^{enclosed} or bill blank ~~enclosed~~ forthwith to ^{money}
me so I can show it & get the money

Paym Bill

Mr. H. J. Hellman.
Do W. S. Minty Dr

1879
June To Hqs for analyzing ore & metal

You can put in amt \$5 yourself
& write a few lines, below the above
bill, requesting me to remit. I
want the above blank filled
& sent back, to show to this friend
of mine & then he will give me
the money to send you J. B. Hellman

It would be well to tell Mr. Wellman that he is in some danger of being imposed upon. - The ^{metallic} sample he sent in April, was a made-up solder, not belonging at all to the mineral that came with it. - The sample he now sends is simply zinc, and the mineral accompanying, is not an ore of zinc.

Altogether it is a mixed affair, that looks suspicious, & not worthy of his attention.

We make no charge for these examinations. If he is not satisfied, there are other assayers whom he can consult.

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Engl. B. Wellman
Batlett, burg, Ky
June 3. 1879

Requests assy of org
sent some time ago,
and notice of the assy
in the title, when the money
will be sent.

[Assays report
filed herein - fine, but
the one not fine and]

Rec^d June 9th, 1879.

Benj. F. Spink,

Office, 196 Broadway,

6/5/79

SALESROOMS:

365 Sixth Avenue, New York.
275 Sixth Avenue, "
151 Fulton Street, "
335 Grand Street, "
323 Eighth Avenue, "
437 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.
329 Fulton Street, "
669 Broad Street, Newark.

New York, June 4th 1879

Dear Sir,

Will you favor me by
sending me ~~a~~ in enclosed Envelope
a copper cent. issue of 1879 as I
wish it from Phil^d and for a special
purpose. and by so doing you will
oblige

Yours Respectfully.
W. Simpson.

329 Fulton St

Brooklyn
N.Y.

To Director U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

6/5/79

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W. Simpson
New York
June 4, 1879

Wants a 14 piece
of 1879, for special
purpose.

Rec^d June 5th, 1879

Office of Public Printer,

WASHINGTON,

June 4, 1879.

A. Sowdon Snowden,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:-

Yours, of the 3rd inst., inclosing certificate of deposit of \$224.67 has been received.

Yours, respectfully,

A. F. Childs,

Chief Clerk.

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A. F. Childs

Chf. Clerk Public Printer

Washington D.C.

June 4, 1879.

Rec'd L/D for

\$ 224.67 (Coin value
of bullion from Hindon,
Refuse.)

Rec'd June 5th, 1879

Chemical NATIONAL Bank

New York June 3 1879

To the Treasurer of
U. S. Mint Phila

Dear Sir—

I enclose my check ^{\$}4.500
for which please send me

^{\$}2000 in Five cent Nickel pieces

500 One " " "

2000 Dimes

Respectfully
W. J. Quinlan Jr Cash
Ryder

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Wm J. Similan Jr.
Car. Chemical Nat Bank
New York
June 3. 1879

Enclosing check
of \$4,500. for minor
coin & Dinner.

cheque returned, with
information about subsi-
diary silver.

Rec^d June 4th, 1879.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Jan'y. 3rd, 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent U. S. Mint Philad^a. Pa.
Sir:

I have this day requested
that your Bullion Fund be increased
\$500,000 by a transfer of that amount
in standard silver dollars; and that
the same be placed to your credit
with the Assistant Treasurer at New
York.

Very respectfully,
R. A. Peckston
Acting Director.

A.D. 10.

R. E. Weston

Jan 3/79

Have requested that
 the F. F. of the United
 be increased by \$100,000
 At Silver dollars, to
 be placed to the Suply
 credit with the Asst
 Treas. U. S. at New
 York

Recd Jan 4/79



L. WEIRICK, P. M.

Tiffin, Ohio, June 3rd 1879.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have in my possession a ten dollar gold piece, (one eagle) of the date 1799.

I do not think it has ever been in circulation for it is as perfect in every respect as the day it was coined. I thought it possible that you have not a perfect specimen of this date in your collection at the mint. If such is the case and you desire to procure one, I think we could make satisfactory terms.

Very Respectfully

E. B. Weirick

I will forward the coin for examination if you desire it.

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E. B. Weirick
Tiffin, O.
June 3. 1879

Offers to sell, for
the Cabinet, one \$10.
gold piece (eagle)
of 1799; fresh and
uncirculated.

Rec^d June 4th, 1879

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Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

June 2nd, 1879.

M. A. L. Snowden.

Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to cause to be prepared, upon the blanks for the purpose herewith transmitted, the information required for the Biennial Register of the United States for 1879, namely:

Full name, including your own, of all officers and employees attached to your Office on June 30 next, arranged, according to degree of importance, alphabetically, in each grade; the post or station where serving; place of birth, that is, State or country only; compensation, annual or per diem, according to appointment.

You will forward the lists, duly prepared, by mail, on or before the 5th day of July next.

No writing whatever should be made on the sheets, except the information needed to be printed.

No sheet should be shortened, though but one name is to appear upon it, but should be returned in its original length.

Attention is directed to the instructions printed on the back of the blanks.

Very respectfully, yours,

John B. Smith

Assistant Secretary.

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Hon John B. Hawley
Asst Secy Treasury
June 2. 1879

Wants, on blanks
furnished, list of
officers & employes in
service June 30. 1879,
for Biennial Register,
with compensation,

Recd June 4th, 1879.

THOMAS & SHOEMAKER,

BANKERS AND BROKERS,

124 South Third Street.

Philadelphia, June 2nd 1879.

Mr A. L. Sumner
Superintendent
Dear Sir.

Will you
oblige me by giving to beaver
the coins of this year from
10 to \$1- to put in a corner
stone.

Truly
Yours
Geo C Thomas

@ 6/5/79

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Geo. C. Thomas.

Philá

June 2. 1879

Wants coins of this
year, from 1¢ @ 1¢.
for Carver Stone.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Recd June 2nd, 1879

B.

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 2^d. 1879

for:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo asking that you may be permitted to fill transfer order No 7333 for bronze coin in favor of the Asst. Treasurer, N.S., at Boston, in instalments of \$1000. There is no objection to your doing so taking the endorsement upon the order, of course for each instalment, and returning the order when the last instalment is paid.

Very respectfully,

W. A. R. R. R.

Treasurer, N.S.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.
Superintendent of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Washington, D.C.
June 2nd, 1849.

James Gilfillan
Treasurer.

Authorizes Transfer Order
\$7333, for bronze coin
to be issued to Asst. Treas-
urer at Boston, to be de-
livered in instalments
of \$1000.

Rec^d June 2nd 1849.

Office of Public Printer,

WASHINGTON, June 2nd, 1879.

W. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:-

Yours of the 31st together with a memorandum of the amount of refuse gold from the Government Bindery, have been received. In reply to your inquiry would say, please send us Treasury Draft for the amount - \$224.67, in order that we may deposit it in the Treasury to the credit of the Public Printing and Binding.

Yours, respectfully,

W. F. Childs,

Chief Clerk.

Deposited 6/3.79
with Asst. Treas.
of Philadelpa, for
CO. No. 4975
See also Warrant
Mem. & Warrant
No. 695-5/28.79
1879.
John L. Seaborg
Chief Clerk
of Mint

Washington, D. C.
June 2nd, 1879.

A. S. Childs.

Chief Clerk of
Public Printer

Asks that Treasury ^{Draft} for
\$224.67 proceeds of gold
bullion from binders ^{reference}
be sent for deposit to the
credit of Public Printing
& Binding.

[Copy of L/D. filed
herein]

Rec^d June 3rd, 1879.

Copy

(Form no 9)

Original

No 4945-

Philadelphia Pa June 3^d 1879

I certify That Jno D. Defrees

Public Printer

this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of
the United States - Two hundred and twenty
four 67/100 dollars, on account of -

Public Printing and Binding

for which I have signed duplicate receipts

\$ 224.67

(signed) Geo Cyster

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

My address is
P.O. Box 113
Cattlettsburg Ky

Cattlettsburg Ky

June 2nd 1849

Superintendent

U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, I enclosed
a small piece of ore & a piece of
metal which comes out of the
ore & which resembles tine

It must be either tine or white
nickel, as it makes the best of
rod for turns use, I also
wrote that whatever the chgr was
for analyzing sauc & would
remit by mail, I find it
impossible to get it now & as
the ore belongs to a wealthy man
who has promised to pay me
a sum of money or ~~give~~ make

me sole agent to sell the tin
for him, I must try & pay
the charges myself. He was here
to see me the other day to know
I had heard any thing yet &
promises to pay me whatever
costs, so if I can find out
what it is & what per cent of
metal, no matter if it is not
valuable he will pay the charge.
There is one ^{good} vein of this ore
in a piece of land belonging
him, & it yields this white
soft metal is abundant
as repeated smelting of same
has demonstrated. If it should
be tin or white metal
it would be an important
discovery, it is believed to be
tin. The ore is suppose of
course you have placed, to await
word from me, if I could get
correct analyses of same. & you
And tell of charges he will give the ore according to the
Send you, the metal is obtained from the ore

Here is the Method
given me, to obtain the Metal
from the ore, 23

One thimble full of Boaz
Calcined to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint - ore after
it has been burnt - Add a
little Lime, & put a few drops
of Sulphurous acid over
when ready to melt. -

When it goes to melt -
it drops down & will be
found in Slags. - upon remelting
the Metal, a beautiful white
soft Metal will be produced
like the piece sent you
some time ago. The burnt ore
must be pulverized before putting
in to melt & watch the heat
not to let it get to intense, as

a too high degree of heat will
burn up the metal

Please give it a
carefull investigation and
report + I send bill of
charges + will permit
by mail as the man
to whom the view of
our belongs is responsible
+ will furnish the
where with. I say you
I don't want him to
Kewer re + hear
Hough B. Stillman

Hugh B. Wellman
 Catlettsburg Ky
 June 2. 1879

Eng was about
 a piece of tin ore
 sent some time ago.
 Will send the money
 when report of assay
 is recd.

Recd June 6/79

\$145.81 Gold Coin forwarded by Express
To Allen & Felt - Ransoms Bridge
N.C.

April 16. /79

I write them that
the mine always paid in coin for deposits

Ransoms Bridge N.C.

June 17/79

Supt. U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

We sent to

you Apr 9th from Enfield N.C.

By Southern Express Co one package
Gold dust containing 8 oz. 5 pt.

15 grs. with instructions to have

proceeds of same sent in check
to Allen & Felt Ransoms Bridge

Franklin Co N.C. - we have

heard nothing from it since

will you please let us know

if it reached you, "if so," what

has become of proceeds &

Oblige Yours

Allen & Felt

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Allen & Felt
Ransom's Bridge N.C.
June 1. 1879

Return for gold
dust, not received.
Enquiring why?

Remittance of \$145,81
gold coin made April
16th, by Express.

Rec^d June 4th, 1879.

OFFICE OF
GEO. H. M. BARRETT,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
Rockport, Knox County,
Maine.

Rockport, Maine,

Dear Sir

June 2 1879

I herewith inclose five dollars
for assay of rock for gold & silver as
per your letter of May 28th referring to
mine of the 23^d.

I also send herewith more samples
of the same rock than I sent with my said
letter of May 23^d in order that you
may have sufficient for a fair test.

The rock has been submitted to head
and a fair result obtained and I
think that the Pyrites contain gold &
silver. What I wish is a careful
assay and an early answer; as some
of the parties interested wish to sell
their interests and to know the value
of such interest.

Yours very truly
Geo H M Barrett

Superintendent of U S Mines

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Rockport, Me.
June 2, 1879

Geo. H. M. Barnes

Sends of 5. &
Rock for assay.

Rec^d June 7th, 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, June 16, 1879.

The Superintendent will please report to Mr. Barrett, Rockport, Maine, that the mineral sent by him has been assayed, & contains no gold nor silver; except the faint trace always found in such specimens, of no value.

The charge being reduced to \$3, I herewith return \$2. —

W. E. du Bois
Assayer

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

Boston, Mass.,

June 2nd, 1879.

Sir:

I enclose herin a cut Standard silver dollar. Please inform me if it is counterfeit and return.

@ 6/3/79

Respectfully,
W. P. Kennard
Asst Treasurer U.S.

To the

Superintendent

U.S. Mint

Phila. Pa.

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Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
BOSTON, MASS.,

June 2, 1879.

M. P. Kennard
Assistant Treasurer U. S.

Enclosing cut
Standard Silver
dollar for exam-
-ination as to its
genuineness.

No. of Enclosures,

Rec^d June 3^d, 1879

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/JUNE

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/July

Assay Laboratory W.S.M.
May 27th 1879

Prof. Jas. C. Booth,
M.R., &c:

Sir,

I have the following results to report in regard to that portion of the operation of the condensing apparatus which was committed to my care in the recent experiment of making six (6) melts of silver ingots under the hood.

First. The ingots differed in no respect from those made without the apparatus. They assayed as follows

NUMBERS	FINENESS	
	1 st Granulation	2 ^d Granulation
9663	899	898 $\frac{1}{2}$
9664	898 $\frac{1}{2}$	898 $\frac{1}{2}$
9686	898 $\frac{1}{2}$	898 $\frac{1}{2}$
9629	898 $\frac{1}{2}$	898 $\frac{1}{4}$
9630	898 $\frac{1}{4}$	898 $\frac{1}{2}$
9731	898 $\frac{1}{2}$	898 $\frac{1}{2}$

Second. The amount of water used was less than Ten (10) gallons to each melt; it was allowed to flow into a barrel and at the conclusion of the first melt

was drawn off into a porcelain jar and allowed to settle for twelve (12) hours; it was then syphoned off and the black sediment collected, dried and weighed.

The sediment was then examined under a microscope which showed that it consisted of charcoal dust profusely sprinkled with the most exceedingly minute spheres of metallic silver, which had been vaporized from the pot,

condensed by the apparatus, and caught by the water. These tiny spheres reflect the sunlight with intense brilliancy, shining on the dark background like thousands of scintillating stars.

The water collected from the second melt was similarly treated and the sediment found to present the same appearance under the microscope.

The water from the next four melts was treated as one lot with the same result.

Finally the tubes of the apparatus were taken down and scraped, they were found covered

with a closely adhering scale and sediment which also showed innumerable pellicles of silver under the microscope, these vary greatly in size, averaging probably less than $\frac{1}{1000}$ th of an inch in diameter while ~~the~~ many of them are very much more minute.

I have observed that the little globules resemble fine silver rather than standard metal, this appearance is enhanced by the fact that several globules have "sprouted" or vegetated which as you know is a phenomenon peculiar to fine silver and with which we are every day familiar. The inference is that the copper has been completely oxidized and driven off from the surface. This is an interesting point but like many other collateral observations that have presented themselves in this investigation has been merely noted for possible future study, should the opportunity arise.

It will be seen from the above, that four (4) separate lots of

sediment were collected, each containing fine particles of silver. The metal was recovered by treatment with litharge soda and borax in a sand pot; the buttons of reduced lead, holding the silver, were then cupelled and gave the following amounts of pure silver.

No. 1.	Sediment from 1 st melt	37.60 grs.
2	" " 2 ^d "	35.75 "
3	" " 3-6 melts	84.55 "
4	" " tubes (6 melts)	325.60 "
Total amt. of silver recovered		<u>483.50 "</u>

I am very well satisfied with the operation of the machine in this trial and although the amount of silver recovered, viz one and one hundredth ounces (1.01 ozs) is not very much, I am not disappointed, for I did not anticipate any great loss by vaporization in simply melting fine silver and copper, where there are no base metals likely to form volatile compounds and where no toughening is performed.

If the loss by vaporization in making gold ingots is anything like the amount recovered in this experiment, or even one ounce in twenty thousand, the economical advantage of the apparatus in making gold ingots is no longer a matter of conjecture.

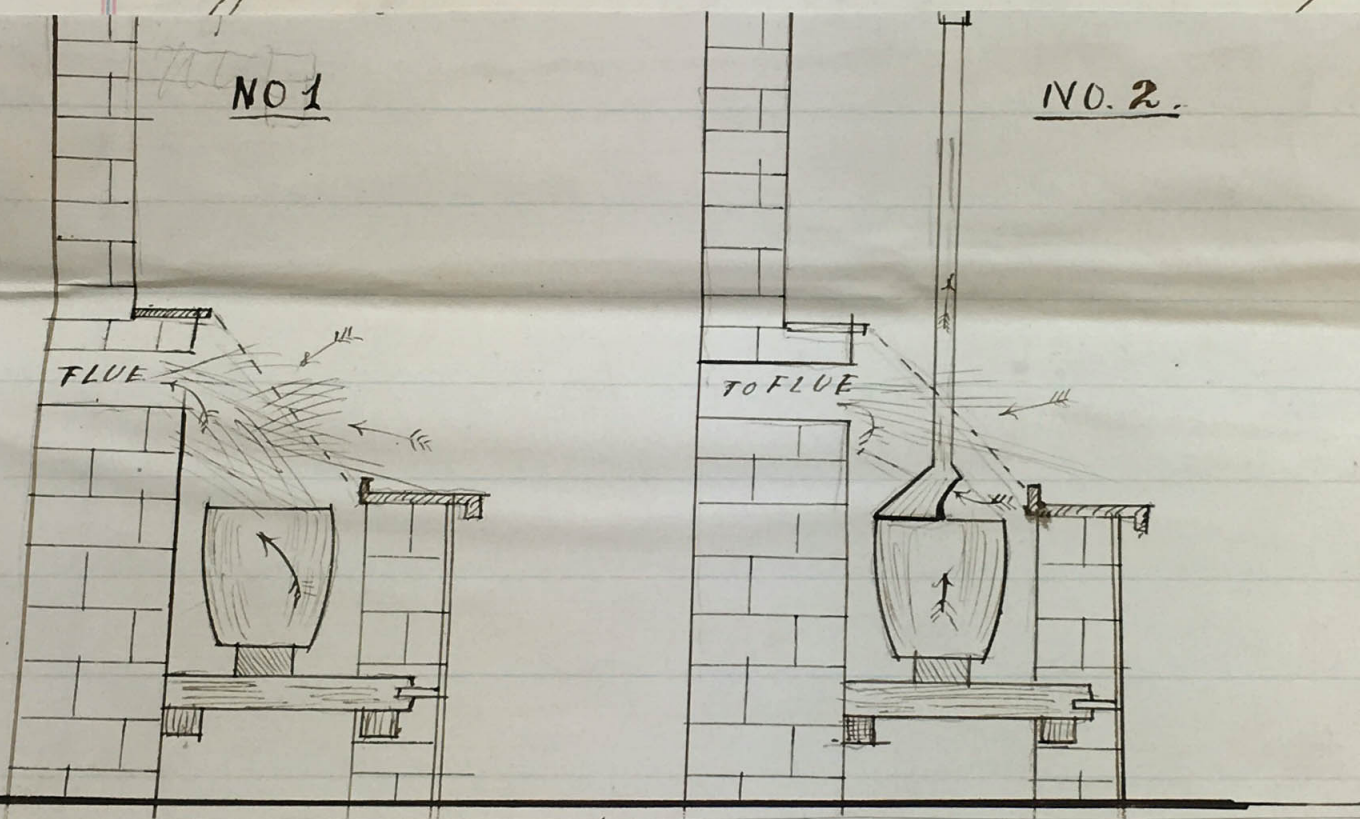
From careful observations that I have made recently, I now have reason to believe that my machine is not only capable of condensing all the fumes and metallic vapors that are formed, but that it even protects the metal from volatilization and acts as a shield to prevent loss by "spraying".

Under the ordinary condition of things when the lid of the melting pot is removed to allow of stirring and fluxing the strong draught of air that is drawn into the flue from the room the moment the sliding door is opened, rushes with its oxidizing tongue, across the entire surface of the metal, not only sweeping all vapors

and "sprayed" metal into the flue,
but by no means improbably
inducing volatilization; indeed
I believe this has been your
own repeated experience as
well as ^{that} of other metallurgists.
Now I have made the discovery
and am prepared to give ocular
proof of a convincing nature
that + strange as it may at
first sight appear - when the
funnel of the apparatus is
lowered on the pot and the
strongest possible suction ap-
plied in the tube, there is
no appreciable suction below
the mouth of the funnel.

The reason is, that the full
supply of air which the one inch
tube is capable of drawing in,
is supplied above this line
from the door or open front
section of the furnace; the
vapors must therefore be
formed in the pot and rise
naturally into the funnel
before they are attracted by
the suction in the tube.

The following diagram, taken from the copy of my original report made to the late Superintendent in May 1878 illustrates the movement of the air in the furnace with and without the use of the funnel, though the important bearing which it has upon the question of volatilization was then unsuspected.



The course of the air is indicated by the arrows and was traced out by means of smoke.

It will thus be seen that by the use of this hood the metal may be exposed with impunity, for not only are all vapors recovered but the surface of the molten mass

is entirely) protected from undue volatilizing influences.

I do not claim that the apparatus is yet perfect and several improvements have suggested themselves as the outcome of the recent trials.

Thus, I propose to remove the cast iron rim from the front half of the pot to give all the room desired for casting.

I also propose to improve the arrangement for collecting the condensed particles.

I have dwelt at some length upon the question of protection of the metal from volatilization by means of my apparatus, because I regard it as an important, though I confess unpremeditated, feature of the arrangement.

It would be interesting and I think productive of valuable results to the Mint if some carefully conducted tests could be made with gold, before the apparatus is removed. I am very respectfully,
(over) Alex. C. Catron.

Addendum.

Although the weight of fine silver that was recovered from the apparatus in the recent experiment of making six melts of silver ingots seemed at first sight unimportant, I find by taking the total amount of standard silver worked during the year from June 1st 1878 to June 1st 1879 and assuming that no greater volatilization occurred from hotter firing, impurities or carelessness under any circumstances, than happened in these six experiments, the amount of fine silver that the apparatus should have recovered reaches fifteen hundred & fifty seven (1557) ounces which at the present value of fine silver, viz: \$1.12 p. oz., would amount to one thousand seven hundred forty three dollars & eighty four cents (\$1743.84).

It would be well within safe limits to conclude that the result of these experiments indicates that the machine would have recovered upwards

of two thousand dollars (\$2000)
worth of volatilized silver had it
been used during the past year
in making silver ingots alone;
for it must be borne in mind
that the whole of the silver actually
recovered by the apparatus in the
recent experiments is not included
in the weight of 483.5 grains
returned to you on the 2^d inst.

A number of samples of the
sediment & scale were preserved;
it was impracticable to clean
the tubes out thoroughly without
a good deal of unnecessary labor;
- the arrangement of barrels to
catch the overflow was a make-
shift and not expected to perform
the work as thoroughly as it
can be done in practice;
the cupellation of the buttons
caused some loss in weight of
fine silver; finally a difference
of $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{20}$ of one ounce in the
experimental return makes a
difference of nearly 200 ounces
in the calculation on the yearly
return.

In order to fully appreciate the value of these figures it must be remembered that the expense of using the machine is so trifling that the gross amount recovered and the net profit are nearly equal terms. The original cost of the construction is small and I believe that its use under ordinary management will in no way impede or seriously modify the present routine method of working.

In conclusion I would say, that notwithstanding the fact that the experiments to test my machine were made under many difficulties & some discouragements and with such appliances as were at hand, rather than in a manner best calculated to produce the most favorable results I feel warranted in claiming now, that the device has proved itself capable of accomplishing more than I originally claimed for it two years ago, and that its economic value is no longer conjectural.

I am very Respy
A. C. Hubbs

U. S. Mint

May 27. 1879

Alex, E. Ontonabidge Jr
Assay Department

Report by the Opera-
tions of his "Condensing
apparatus" in making
6 melts of silver ingots
under the hood.

Recd June 14th, 1879

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 10th June 1879

Sir,

I herewith present you the results of the experiments, made with Mr. A. E. Buterbridge's apparatus, on the volatilization of standard silver, and its recovery from vapor, within the last two weeks. The following statement of the amount worked and produced, & of the apparent wastage, exhibits the whole operation

Amount worked	<u>Stand. oz.</u> 17,629.38
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Ingot delivered	17,278.68
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Bars, tops & filings of ingots	280.99
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Grains gathered (with .003 Gold)	.99
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Gathered by Buterbridge from Volatiz ⁿ	1.01
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Apparent wastage	67.71	17,629.38
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It is very annoying that occasional large apparent wastages, amounting to $67\frac{71}{100}$ oz. (or .003-83) should have occurred in experimental melts. We are pained by such occurrences one or more times every month, and having

Hon. A. London Snowden ^{Suptdt} 10. June -79. {

often

often proved that it has been due to misreading or misrecording weights, oftenest to intermixture of different days' work in our crowded vaults, and finding that the figures are very much reduced at our annual settlements, we are obliged to rest content with them & their attendant anxieties, until we can devise some improvement to be rid of the anomaly of alternate loss & gain in successive daily workings. Thus the average apparent loss on daily workings last year was .000-75 while at the annual settlement it was only .000-15 or $\frac{1}{5}$ of the legal allowance. This is however certain, that Mr Outerbridge's process or apparatus is not responsible for the error. I therefore put this irregularity aside, in order to examine Mr O's results and conclusions, and draw attention to the few following points.

1. Small amount volatilized. Assuming the average apparent daily wastage of the last year for the actual daily wastage, say .000-75, which in this case would be about 13 ounces, we are struck with the small amount volatilized, one ounce, or $\frac{1}{13}$ of the apparent wastage. From the single trial

trial we learn that in melting Silver Ingots the amount volatilized from within the crucible is $\frac{6}{100,000}$ (more exactly .000-057) of the whole amount worked. This conclusion is of value, and will doubtless be in the main confirmed by further experiment, for I think we may assume that all the silver vaporized from the interior of the crucible was recovered. The following table shows the proportion of silver saved to the whole actual and final wastages of the last two years.

On Settlement, 30th June, 1877, wastage of silver .000-25

" " 30th " 1878 " " .000-15

Silver condensed by Buterbridge .000-06

I have avoided a conclusion as to the amount saved by M^r B's apparatus in comparison with our own work, 1st, because his apparatus will doubtless be further improved; 2nd because we actually save a portion of the vapors arising from the surface of the melted silver in the pot, by closing the drafts of the furnace when at work, so that some of the vapor, instead of passing into the flue freely escapes into the air of the room, & is daily swept up from the floor to ^{be} thrown into

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden ^{Supdt} 10 Jun. 79 }

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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Melter and Refiner.

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into the Sweep. We barely know this fact, but absolutely nothing of the amount so saved. Nevertheless, it is certain that we save more metal, & with more certainty, by a contrivance for the express purpose than by trusting to haphazard economy.

2. Volatilization of Silver with embrittling metals, and by fluxing. Mr O's principle and apparatus are adapted to answer questions, never yet fully determined, or at best in a very unsatisfactory manner; I allude to the volatilizing influences of base metals or metalloids, more or less frequently associated with Silver; their influence on the volatilization of the noble metals with each base associate singly, — then conjointly, — & lastly alloyed with copper, as standard metal. One probable effect of such enquiries will be the discovery of some external evidences of their presence as a practical guide to the melter, & then, as a consequence, we can more satisfactorily devise a method of removing the injurious companion.

^{Gold}
3. Finding our researches on Silver of value, we would doubtless extend them to Gold & its volatilizers, by the use of Mr Outbridge's apparatus, when time and opportunity convene.

Hon. A. London Snowden
Suptdt. 10 Jun. 79 }

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Melter and Refiner.

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4. Influence of Fluxes. There is no question of greater moment to the melter of bullion than the influence of fluxes, especially, of those giving off gas, such as nitre, - to determine the relative increase of volatilized Gold or Silver; and the apparatus of Mr. B. seems well adapted to ascertain this.

5. General Wastage. When we examine the ratio of the amount of silver volatilized from within the melting pot to the total actual wastage at the close of a year, 6:15, 6:25, as shown above in Section 2. we know that $\frac{9 \text{ to } 19}{100,000}$ have been lost in other ways than that of interior volatilization; and since we have carefully gathered all the fragments and dust from every locality within our reach, I think we must conclude the loss is largely due to volatilization from the body of the furnace, and therefore from the metal accidentally spilled in ladling it out of the pot. In saying this I do not design to ignore the volatilization arising from fluxing, from injurious associates of the silver, from a more open crucible, &c. After gathering daily all that we can from ashes, &c. there is still a residuum adhering to the sides of the ~~exposable~~ furnace, which

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Melter and Refiner.

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which is exposed to a strong draft of air, at almost a white heat, passing through the furnace for a long time, and no doubt can exist of its extensive volatilization: altho I have been long aware of this, and have endeavored in every way to diminish this personal error of a meter, improvement is still needed, & can only be wholly successful when we pour directly from a crucible outside of the fire-place, instead of ladling out with a dipping cup. M^r O's experiments have confirmed my ^{own} conclusions, that most of the loss is due to accidental spilling or splashing of the melted metal. The daily recovery of from 50 to 150 oz. of grains, which does not express the half of what is apparently lost, (not really), shows how much apparent loss is due to personal error. It is this view, I would rather say, knowledge, that led me long since to recommend the construction of condensing chambers, where metal volatilized, or mechanically raised by heated air, might condense & be gathered, from whatsoever source they arise. I perceive no reason to change my views in relation to condensing chambers, which should be employed, when and where practicable, at the same time with M^r Outerbidge's apparatus.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden, ^{supdt.} 10 Jun. 79 }

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apparatus, for we can hardly multiply to excess the means of saving the loss of bullion, when operating with it.

6. Specially in relation to the Apparatus of Mr. Outen-bridge, I not only iterate what I have before said of it, that it only requires time and thoughtful practice, to perfect its adaptation to general use, while it is extremely valuable for experiment even in its present state, — but I think more highly of it, from a discovery he made by its use, that the hood he employs actually diminishes the draft over the surface of the melted metal, & therefore diminishes volatilization from within the crucible. I confirm his claim of this observation & of its importance, & I further ^{confirm} the opinion he quotes of my observation, which has also been made by others, "that a current of any gas or vapor passing over the surface of melted gold or silver, especially the latter, will inducingly carry up small quantities of that metal (I care not whether it be called ^{chemical} or mechanical action), to deposit it in part in the flue, & in part to commit it to the winds of heaven."

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

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7. I trust that the importance of hoped for results, the saving of some thousands of dollars annually in mintage operations, will excuse the length of this communication. I also hope that means may be devised to allow Mr. Outerbridge to carry on the series of experiments which he began last year on the volatility of alloys of gold & silver, especially with the embrittling metals, because I believe that they will result in utility to the Government, far greater than their cost, which thus far has been nearly nothing.

I am, Sir

Respectfully yours

J. C. Booth

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

M. & P.

Superintendent

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 10, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

Report on Experiments with Mr.
Outebidge's "Condensing apparatus"
in recovering volatilized Silver.

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May & June, 1879

1. Alex. E. Outenbridge Jr
asst assayer

May 27. 1879

2. Jas. C. Booth M & R
June 10. 1879

Report on Experiments with Mr. Outenbridge's "Condensing apparatus" in recovering volatilized silver.

Filed June 14/79

To Col Loudon Snowden.

Director of the U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir.

We understand that certain Gentlemen of influence, interested in the welfare of a Lady named Mrs. Julia Mathewson, have already appealed to you in her behalf with reference to obtaining a situation in the Mint, where she some years ago acquitted herself to the perfect satisfaction of her superiors, and which she was obliged to relinquish on the reduction of the force by the Government.

Mrs. Mathewson is a competent and industrious worker. She is no longer young and having recently met with a most trying affliction in the death of her daughter, the only child and support leaving

her in perfect destitution.

We sincerely trust that it is in your power to reconsider her case and receive her in reemployment. we feel assured that in complying with the above request you would not only do a most charitable deed but you would ~~secure~~ the services of a Person who would be of great use to you in your labours at the Mint.

Sincerely hoping that you will take favorable action in this matter we are,

Dear Sir
Your most obedient Servants.

J. P. P.

Philadelphia

June 29th 1881

Mr. Snowden

Respected Sir.

Pardon me for indeed I feel deeply mortified to be forced to trouble you again, but I implore you for God's sake not to be deaf to the pleadings of a broken heart rendered doubly desolate by poverty. I have tried my very best to obtain employment but all in vain. I now throw myself upon your mercy, begging

you Col. with all humility to
receive me again in the Mint. if
Miss Thorn objects to my being received
in her room. I beg you to take
me in the Counting room either for
selecting or on the presses. I am
really in need. God only knows
the agony of my soul. and all
that I have endured since I lost
my darling child

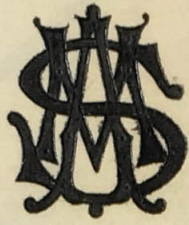
Hoping and praying that
you may listen favorably to a
poor disconsolate widow.

I am with the deepest respect Yours

Mrs J. Mathewson

242 S. 8th St.

Tuesday.
May 31st / 81



Mrs John Lucas.

Dear Madame.

Your letter
with regard to Mrs
Matherson was re-
ceived while I was
absent from home,
hence my delay in
answering it. My
Husband feels that
he has said as

The
Mint of the United States,

W^{to}
Sir,

at
Philadelphia, 25. June 1879

I have such a sincere desire
for M^r Ayle's recovery, that I cheer-
fully endorse his application, and
shall, with equal good will, perform the
duties of my office, of which he re-
lieved me formerly, and which I
have been executing during his absence

very respectfully yours

J. C. Booth

M & R

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

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Philadelphia

June 23. 1879

Henry Winter Saylor

Asst. Calculator

Applies for ex-

tension & leave &

absence until 27

Sept 1879, on account of

continued ill health

[Certificate of Dr. Stone
and Mr. H. filed herein.]

Recd June 26/79

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Phil: June 24-1879

This is to certify that Rev.
H. W. Syle is suffering from
Nervous Prostration, the result of
over work, and is in my opinion
incapable of resuming his
duties at the Mint, or engaging
in any continuous mental or
physical labor without
incurring great risk of severe
and possibly permanent injury
thereby. A few months of
additional rest and medication
give promise of complete
restoration to health and vigor.

Respectfully
J. F. Stone M.D.

The
Mint of the United States.

File
at
Philadelphia, June 25th 1879.

Wm. C. Lester
Hon. A. Ludon Snowden,
Superintendent.

Sir:

Referring to the accompanying
certificate of my physician, Dr. Jas.
F. Stone, 1922 Int. Union St., Phila., I
respectfully request the extension of
my leave of absence, expiring the
27th inst., for three months, to
September 29th, on account of
continued ill health.

With thanks for the time already
granted me, I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully Yours
Henry Winter Tyler

Rec^d June 26th, 1879.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

June 30th, 1881

Hon. A. London Snowden,
Superintendent.

Sir;

In relation to the care of Mrs Julia Mathewson, discharged from the Mint, September 30th 1878, I have the honor to make the following statement, viz:—

In the Spring of 1878 Congress in passing the appropriation for the Mint, for the ensuing fiscal year, debarred the use of money unappropriated in the treasury, for the manufacture of Silver coins, a privilege that had been enjoyed the previous year, and thus left the Institution only its regular appropriation to depend on. This was not discovered until Congress adjourned, and it was found

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found that the appropriations for wages of workmen and adjusters was inadequate to maintain the force then employed, so that the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, required a reduction of the force.

The Superintendent by letter of Sept. 25th 1878, after reciting the facts above stated, directed me "to notify the parties you (I) have reported to me (the Supl.) for discharge, as those we can best spare at this time, that for the reasons stated, their services will not be required after the 30th inst."

Mrs. Mathewson was one of the Adjusters selected and reported to the Superintendent, and referred to by him as one of "those we can best spare."

I selected Mrs. Mathewson for discharge

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discharge because, while she was a quick Adjuster, her work was not reliable - it required constant revision, and neither the fore man of the Adjusting Room, or myself, would have felt safe in allowing her work to pass without revision.

Great pressure was at once made for Mrs. Mathewson's re-instatement.

The then Director of the Mint Dr. H. R. Linderman interested himself in her behalf to have her retained, and addressed a private letter to me to that effect. To this note I made the following reply, viz:-

"I rec^d your note relative to Mrs. Mathewson, but the discharge had been made out, and rec^d by her before I learned your wishes in the premises. About the time of the

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the Annual Assay, I think, I explained to you some reasons why it would be well in case of a discharge taking place, to include Mrs. M., and so, I do not see now, how we could at present reinstate her, without impairing the discipline of the Institution, and weakening the usefulness of its officials.

I had a number of conversations subsequently with Director Lindeman relative to Mrs. Mathewson, and he expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with the action taken.

I desire to add, in conclusion, that I had the fullest, freest and frankest consultation with the Superintendent of the Mint, Mr. James Pollock, in making out the list of the parties discharged, and the

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the merits and demerits of each were fully
discussed, and the conclusion reached was
believed by both of us to be the best that
could be done, under the circumstances, for
the Institution.

I have the honor to remain

Yours Respectfully,

Wm. C. C. C. C.

Chas. B. B. B.

Coiner

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June 30, 1881.

O. C. Washbush
Coiner.

Explaining the retire-
ment, in 1878, of
Mrs. Julia Matthews,
an Assistant.

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United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

June 11th, 1879.

To Hon. A. London Snowden
Superintendent.

Sir,

In compliance with your request I proceed to give you the substance of the reports which were made to the late Superintendent, on the subject of the supply of fire mitts for this department.

I did not take a copy of the reports, and reproduce them now from the notes from which the originals were made up.

There were two reports made at different times, under the orders of the late Superintendent, and for his information. The first, was in reference to the fidelity with

which his command for an equitable distribution of the orders for fire mitts, among the three or four women employed, was obeyed.

The second was directed to the discovery if any interest existed between any one in this department, and any of the women who made fire mitts.

Very respectfully

N. B. Boyd

Asst M & R

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Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent. Sir,

The committee to

whom you referred the enquiry respecting the purchase of fire mitts, with the prices paid for the same, and the amounts furnished, and by whom, respectfully report they examined the accounts in the M&R Department from 1867 to 1877 and found that during 1867, 8, & 9, fire mitts had been supplied on four accounts viz Ann Summers, H. Hulings, M. F. Firth, & M. Taylor, at the uniform price of \$4.⁵⁰ per set of seven pairs = about 64¢ per pair; but in very unequal amounts - Ann Summers receiving for mitts during this period \$1417.50; H. Hulings \$3393.50; M. F. Firth \$2146.50; and M. Taylor \$5062.50. Total \$12,020.00

During 1870, 1, 2, & part of 1873 the same price was paid, but the amounts supplied was less than one half

that of the former period. Total \$5157.00

In April 1873 the price was raised from 64¢ to 85¢
(During the years 1873 (from April) 1874 & 5. Mrs. Hulings, Mrs.
Firth and Mrs. Taylor supplied fire mitts @ 85¢ per pair
and in nearly equal proportions; Mrs Hulings received \$2991.70
Mrs. Taylor \$3052.35 and Mrs Firth \$2034.90. Mrs. Firth
died on the 8th of March 1875.

During 1876 Mrs. Hulings and Mrs. Taylor each supplied
fire mitts to the amount of \$1017.⁴⁵ @ 85¢

Mrs. Hulings ceased supplying fire mitts in May 1877;
and Mrs. Taylor in July of the same year.

Very respectfully

N. B. Boyd

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MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 1877

To

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir,

I herewith submit to you the result of inquiries instituted under your orders as to the connection of interest, if any, between the accounts of Firth and Taylor for five mitts supplied to the M & R department.

Mrs. Firth is reported to be the mother in law of John Mirkil in the M & R department, who had charge of the mitts in that department, and their custody when brought in. Mrs. Firth resided with Mr. Mirkil; and mitts on her account were brought from his house, sometimes by his father-in-law. She died at his house and was buried from there.

Mr. Mirkil purchased material for making mitts for Mrs. Taylor, she at times accompanying him; and the purchases being made in the name of Firth, subsequent

to the death of Mrs. Fiith. He was only known by the name of Fiith.

Five mitts to a very large amount, in anticipation of formal orders, were sent to the mint on both the Fiith and Taylor accounts, and were stored together in a locked storeroom under the charge of Mr. Mirkil and the formal orders were filled from this common store. Of Mrs. Hulings mitts none were kept in store but she in her turn would be notified to bring them in. and if she was not ready, the amount needed was made up from the store on hand, and Mrs. Fiith or Mrs. Taylor credited with the amount taken from the storeroom.

Mrs. Fiith died March 8. 1875; and an examination of the bills on file will show that on March 16th 1875 Bill # 97 for mitts was receipted in her name and paid - Also April 10th 1875 Bill # 127 for mitts was receipted in her name and paid, and on April 27th 1875 when another bill was presented in her name and stopped; a new bill for the same amount was made out in the name of Mrs.

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N. B. Boyd
Asst M & R

Reporting
Substance of 12
reports made to the
late Superintendent,
with regard to the
manufacture of
fire mits for the
M & R's dept.

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 30th July - 1879

Sir,

Your favor of this date was duly received, embracing the requisition for the daily production of \$75,000= in Silver Coin. Permit me to present some points in relation to this requisition for your consideration.

We are now producing \$50,000= daily, from 30 melts, of 5 melts in each of 6 furnaces, & this amount is rather beyond our capacity, with 6 men absent from indisposition, true & unfeigned.

Our fullest producing capacity is 6 melts in each of the 6 furnaces, i.e. 36 melts, making \$60,000= daily, within the working hours, and all hands in good condition, and without allowance for contingencies, such as repairs of furnaces, &c. If therefore we were to attempt even \$60,000= just at this moment, I fear that the deficiency of force would throw so much work on the balance, that our genuine hospital list would be

increased, & still further lower our producing capacity. When I found our working force so slack as to need help, I tried to get aid from Mr Cowden's force, but he has few left, & I have not been able to obtain the required aid. The few that were allowed to go on holiday are on the sick list, chiefly through the heat of the weather added to that of the melting room.

Our whole melting force consists of

1 Foreman & 1 Subforeman	=	2
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8 Regular & 2 Sub-melters	=	10
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12 Helpers	=	12
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In Refinery 1 foreman & 2 helpers	=	<u>3</u>
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	=	<u><u>27</u></u>
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The working hands are really only		23
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For this force we have 6 furnaces for silver, 1 furnace for bronze, 1 for Alloy-Copper, & 1 for Grains daily and Gold occasionally: — 9 furnaces daily.

Each set of 3 silver furnaces requires 5 men besides the melter; leaving only 4 men for the other 3 furnaces.

Last Spring I was clearly of opinion that we had more than sufficient man power, rigidly occupied, for the work then in hand; but since so much extra production is demanded of us, because the other branches of the service cannot yield their quota, I am satisfied that we barely have sufficient for the production of \$60,000 - per day within hours. We shall therefore be obliged ~~to~~ either, to work the present force about 3 hours daily overtime, or to take on more hands for the over-work. The latter course would require too many new men, & be otherwise objectionable; and yet, for the next two months at least, I do not think the present force could yield all that is demanded, & keep in simple health. It seems to me therefore that the most prudent & yet effective course would be for us to add 4 or possibly 5 hands to our present working force, & work 3 hours (about) daily overtime.

I am

Respectfully yours.

Hon. A. L. Snowden
Superintendent.

J. H. Booth

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

July 30, 1879.

J. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Require 4 or 5
new men, & 3 hours
per day maintenance
to produce \$75,000
per day of Silver
Coin.

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Mint of the United States
AT PHILADELPHIA.

July 16th 1879.
Hon. A. Gordon Howden,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to submit the following report of the improved condition of this Department, both as regards absolute and necessary repairs, as well as improved machinery, and conveniences added, and rearrangement of working rooms, effected through your efforts since the 1st. of last March.

One of the most marked improvements in the condition of this Institution, is in the discipline of the employees thereof.

Your advent as Superintendent found

found the Mint plodding along in the
 ruts and grooves of ancient glory - following
 the notions, ideas, rules and regulations of an
 old régime. Around and through the
 building lingered the influence of old habits
 and associations, brought down from a past
 slow and deliberate age. In other
 words an old foggy spirit pervaded the
 Institution, that was felt and had its
 effect upon those employed herein.

Upon your assumption of the
 directing power all felt that new life,
 new spirit and fresh ideas and notions,
 were to be infused into the work.

The lethargic sleep of the building
 had to be shaken off, and from that
 moment fresh energy was observable.

Pardon me for this personal
 allusion, but the vastly improved con-
 dition of the discipline of this Institution
 cannot

cannot be explained without it.

In my own Department, with your concurrence and advice, I reorganized the Rolling Room, by doing away with the various foremen of the Rolls, Butters and Annealers, and placed the entire room under one foreman — giving him also the oversight and control of the wash room. The force in the Whitening or Bleaching Room, was remodelled, by the transfer of the old foreman to the Night Watch, and the appointment of a new foreman.

These changes have been found to be wise, as the greatly increased amount of work performed fully demonstrates.

The discipline of the Department is excellent — the employees are subordinate, and do their work cheerfully and well. — The foremen of the various rooms are

are efficient, conscientious, and trustworthy.

Adjusting Room.

This room has been rendered much more bearable, under your direction.

The line of ladies' closets at the west end of the room, has been removed sufficiently further west to permit of the introduction of an additional adjusting table, capable of accommodating ten (10) more adjusters.

The old closets on the gallery outside of this room, that literally closed up the west window of the Adjusting Room on the Court yard, have been cleared away - allowing the free ingress of plenty of fresh air - which, as it strikes back of the line of closets first alluded to, - freshens the air of the room, without creating a sufficient draft to impair the accuracy of the scales - This alone is felt by those

those employed therein as a source of great relief. This entire room has been covered with a new lignum vitae cloth - an improvement that should have been made at least five years before. A new and convenient range has been built in the fire place, to enable the ladies employed to prepare their dinners in winter time, and a new gas stove procured for use in summer. A new sink, for washing dishes has also been added. Three new marble top adjusting tables replace the old, worn out, shaky wooden ones, and a marble top receiving table takes the place of a very old wooden one. Marble top tables in this room are a great improvement over wooden tops, as they permit of a more careful gathering up of the gold and silver filings. Old broken down

broken down, and after repaired chairs have been replaced by new and substantial ones. A neat curtain divides the dining room from the adjoining table instead of the clumsy, unsightly wall paper covered screens. New shades have been placed at the windows, and the old worn out, dirty, shades removed. New gas burners, with porcelain globes have been added - which will greatly facilitate any work done after daylight. Altogether this room has been made much more comfortable, and in every way better adapted to push forward the work done therein.

Twelve (12) new and beautiful adjusting scales, upon an entirely new and very much improved plan of Mr. Westerman, are almost completed by him - manufactured under your instructions. This

This will give us thirty-seven (37) adjusting scales of the very best. (X)

(X) Much needed improvement has been the purchase of a new lathe for the use of the Adjuster of Scales and Weights - which enables him to do work heretofore impossible.

than in any time previously - by the remodeling of the work in these rooms he is enabled to push them to their full capacity - The various machinery, furnaces and appurtenances generally, belonging to these rooms are in excellent condition. During the suspension of work for repairs, - the early part of the present month, four (4) of the Annealing Furnaces were torn out and thoroughly rebuilt. This makes them nearly as good as new. The wash room, situated in the North-East

East corner of the basement, is at all times one of the warmest, and most disagreeable rooms to work in. The temperature of this room has been greatly improved by the recent introduction of a new ventilator - consisting of a wooden box running along the ceiling of this room, up the corner to the attic of the building, and there attached ^{a long galvanized pipe which connects with} to a large exhaust fan. This draws off a great quantity of the steam and impure air - making the room pleasant.

The line of pickling tubs along the north side of the Whitening room, have been placed on a new platform, covered with sheet lead. The machinery, benches, tools &c in all these rooms have been thoroughly cleaned, and put in perfect order, and the woodwork and walls painted and white washed.

Mr. Downing

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Coring Room.

Mr. Downing, the foreman of the Coring Room reports that the machinery in that room, at the present time, is in a fair working condition. During the past four (4) months repairs have been made to this machinery, as follows:—

No. 2 Coring Press, was thoroughly rebuilt many of the parts being renewed—others refitted, and all things done that was required to place it in complete order.

No. 5 Press had a new ball and collar ring fitted. In No. 6 the brass beam was examined and repaired—a new stake made, and the stake bearing refitted.

No. 7 had a new centre piece made of steel, with a hardened shoe for the pin bearing.

For No. 8 a new ball and stake were made.

A new steel band was put on No. 2 Mill, and the grooves in the Mills repaired.

paired. This work besides a large amount of repairing of small breakages, was done by the Machinists of the Mint.

During the early part of this month Messrs. Orr, Hess & Morgan, have fitted a new steel band on No. 3 Mill, and repaired No. 5 Mill in same manner - altering it for Silver Dollars - thus increasing our facilities for the production of ~~the~~ coin of that denomination.

New oil-cloth and Chairs - replace the old - a new wash basin - looking glass and some smaller articles complete the improvements in this room, rendering it neat in appearance, comfortable to those employed therein, and better adapted for the work required.

General Repairs & Improvements -

Much has been done in the

the work shops and rooms of this Institution that are more or less connected with the Coining Department.

A large platform scale has been placed on the Duiper Street side of the Mint, by which the deliveries of Coal can be checked to a certainty - an improvement long needed.

New awnings, some fifteen in number, have replaced old and torn ones.

Some two thousand feet of white pine - five hundred feet of yellow pine, and fifteen hundred feet of Walnut, lumber have been used by the Carpenters for various articles required in this Department - such as boxes for Coins, Clippings, Medals, ~~Tables~~ &c. Two new Counting Boards have been made
 for

for the redemption room - A new and convenient Counting Table, and a large Counting Board capable of holding Two hundred and fifty (250) Silver dollars, has been made for the New Orleans Mint.

The Blacksmith Shop has been furnished with a large number of new, needed, tools - such as sledges, squares, rules, handles &c. It is now in condition to do the work required of it, with greater ease than ever.

Broken flag stones, both on the inside and around the outside of the building have been replaced by new. And all the tiled floors have been repaired and put in perfect order.

A new tiled floor has been laid in the room directly west of the rotunda, adding vastly to its appearance and
Comfort

comfort in every way.

The circular staircases, on either side of the courtyard, leading from the basement to the landing running around the inside of the second story, have been rendered much safer, by having the iron steps thereof covered with rubber. These steps have always been more or less dangerous - having worn smooth and slippery - and the improvement made is certainly of the greatest use and benefit.

A larger pulley has been placed on the shaft driving the exhaust fan in the attic, which doubles the capacity of the fan for withdrawing heated and impure air from the rooms with which it is connected, thus in a great measure reducing the temperature of these rooms and thereby

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thereby adding to comfort of the employees.

Engineers' Rooms.

Mr. John Maximus, the Engineer, reports to me, showing the following as the condition of the machinery over which he has charge, when the Institution closed for repairs, early this month, with the improvements and repairs made, viz:-

Engine No. 1. This is the large engine that drives the rolls - It was found in very bad condition, requiring a thorough overhauling. The governor was so loose and shakily that it is astonishing it could perform its work. This was thoroughly examined and repaired - new pins in all the joints being needed. The throttle valve of this engine was repaired as well

well as good be under the circumstances, but it is by no means in a safe condition - Great inconvenience was experienced in repairing this engine, on account of the exhaust steam from the other engines - this was overcome by placing a stop valve on the exhaust pipe. The pins in the valve rods were renewed, as the old ones were in no condition to run.

The pistons were faced off - the old faces being much worn and defaced. It will be necessary to shortly put in a new set of packing rings. The cylinders are very much worn, and are not true. It is twelve years since anything has been done to them. It is a source of regret to be obliged to report the existence of cracks in the ports of this

this engine in both steam and exhaust - also in both sides. This is a serious matter and requires immediate attention. It cannot be repaired - but will eventually have to be renewed.

It was found when this engine was repaired some twelve years ago, that the bed plate had settled in the centre - which accounts for the present condition, as reported above.

Engine No. 3. This engine drives the machinery in the Coining Room, Machine Shop, Engraver's Room, Hoisting Machine etc. The slide valve was found to be very defective. It was replaced by a new one of Mossop's patent. All the joints of this engine were renewed, and a Eureka Lubricator placed upon it, with oil-cups on the guides and crank ends. This

This should have been done when the engine was first built. The driving pulleys were also lagged.

Pumps. The Cylinders of both pumps have been bored out, and new pistons put in the same. The valves were found to be in such a bad condition, that they required thorough overhauling. They were put in good order, as their constant use requires that they should be.

Boilers. The blow off pipes of the boilers were in such bad condition that their further use was declared impracticable, and new ones have replaced them. The feed pipes, upon examination, were discovered to be very much corroded, so much so as to be nearly closed. These will have to be renewed in a

a short time. All joints on the pipe connections have been renewed, and all the valves overhauled.

The boilers have been thoroughly cleaned, and inspected by the City Inspector, whose certificate exhibits the excellent condition they are now in.

I cannot refrain in this connection, from bearing testimony to the exceedingly cheerful, and patient manner, in which the employees of the Mint, performed the arduous task of cleaning the boilers. This most trying, laborious and fatiguing work, they performed very satisfactorily, without murmuring or complaint.

Old Engine No. 2. This old engine was situated directly beneath the Rolling Room, along the west wall of

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of the building. The introduction of a new Engine, No. 2, situated in the Engine Room, along side of No. 1, was designed to do away with this old engine. This Engine has now been removed, but as the crank shaft had been used to drive the Cutting presses it was necessary, to put in the place of this crank shaft, a counter shaft to do the work. The removal of this Engine caused a great deal of extra labor, but has resulted in giving increased room, in a very crowded corner of the Institution.

Water Supply. The water supply from the City Reservoirs, has not been sufficient for the uses of the Mill for several years past, owing to the inadequate size of the pipes introduced into the building. Under
Jm

Your direction, and through your efforts, this has been remedied - We have had put into the building a four (4) inch main, which with the former supply very greatly benefits the Institution - It would be wise to have

the old water pipes renewed - most of them are two (2) inch cast iron pipes, and the openings in them are closed to half an inch - If this were done,

we need scarcely fear a water famine, as has been the case - and it would be possible to dispense with the running of the engine that drives the Artesian Well - thus in a short time saving the expense attending the renewal of the pipes -

Before speaking of other improvements and repairs, I desire to refer again to Engine No. 1. This Engine

Engine has been in use some twenty nine (29) years - having been built in 1850. It has nearly done its work, and it will not be long before a new engine will have to be procured to take its place.

The recent overhauling has convinced our machinists that the life of this engine is nearly spent.

New Machinery & Repairs to old.

Mr. Samuel James, foreman of the Machine Shop, reports to me in regard to new and improved machinery recently procured, and the repairs that have been made to the old.

Four (4) new machines have been purchased for the machine shop.

One 54" Vertical Drill - One Universal Grinding Machine, One universal milling machine, and one 16" Screw Cutting

cutting lathe - which have all been placed in position in the shop.

These machines necessitated the rearrangement of nearly all the counter shafting in the shop - which has been done. These improvements have added largely to the facility of the Machine Shop for doing the work of the Mint. Much machine repairing, heretofore required to be done outside of the building, can now be readily done here.

In order to increase the motive power, or rather the more ready transfer of the same, throughout the building, thirteen pulleys have been lagged (covered with leather). This operation necessitated the removal of the pulleys from their shafts and the replacing of the same. One new

new 5' pulley has been placed on the main line shaft in the Engine Room to drive the exhaust fan, as stated on page 13 of this report, and the old pulley formerly used for the purpose has been transferred to the Counter shaft in the loft, to carry a 7" belt to Fan. Ventilating tubes have been run from the Exhaust fan and connections made with the Chief Clerk's, and two adjoining, offices. The atmosphere of your own office, has been much purified by the introduction of a galvanized iron ventilator, connecting directly to the outside air, through the roof.

The lead Lap in the machine shop has been renewed, and put in first class condition. The Shaping

Shaping machine in the same shop, has been thoroughly repaired.

Extensive and important alterations and improvements have been made in the Roll Grinding Machine. An emery wheel has been substituted in the place of the large grind stone formerly used, and the carriage upon which the roll rests entirely remodeled and renewed. This alteration is a decided improvement, enabling us to secure a much more uniform surface on the face of our rolls, and it is economical in the time occupied in doing the work.

A brass hand rail has been made and placed on the stair case, leading from the Melter and Refiner's Office down to that of the Assayer - a long needed improvement. Beside

Reside this work of the machinists, all the incidental and necessary work required daily has been performed, such for instance as the furnishing miscellaneous parts of machinery that break. Of this kind of work may be mentioned the following:- Brass stops for drawbenches - Re grinding draw bench dies - New levers for closing tongs - jaws for tongs - repairs to weight slides - Set screws for die blocks - Springs for carriages - Wedges + screws for rolls - Steel mandrills - Nuts for wedge screws - Re grinding rolls - brass boxes for same - New Pointing Rolls - re grinding old - Taking out + putting in rolls - Setting, grinding + making new beds + punches for Cutting Presses - making of brass clamps for the guides - New knives for shears - sharpening same. New fulcrum pins - New Castors

Castors for strip & other tables - repairing old - New ingot moulds bands and screws. New knives for topping machines - Repairing same machines - putting up and adjusting new apparatus for sawing of rolled & sized bullion - Taking off and replacing bevel wheels on main line shafting in cellar to transmit power to Melters and Refiners Department &c.

General work.

Much improvement has been made in economizing space, and rendering the Mint more convenient for its work - The tearing out of old and unused hardening furnaces in the basement - Cleaning up and disposing of old and waste material long stored about the building, literally hindering the convenient moving in and about the building. The repainting of the

of the entire interior of the building -
 refurnishing many of the rooms thereof -
 disposing of old worn out furniture
 and replacing it with new and sub-
 stantial furniture - removing old
 floor cloths and relaying new - &c.

In conclusion I feel that
 I have not as fully set forth or made
 clear the great improvement in the
 efficiency of this Unit for work under
 its present management, as I desire
 to, and indeed as deserves to be said.

I feel indeed all in the
 building feel that a new impetus
 has been given to our work - the
 morale of the Institution - its capacity
 for work, and its entire nature is
 changed so much for the better that
 "he who sees may read" -

All of which is most
 respectfully,

respectfully submitted by
Your Obedient Servant

W. B. Byrd

Cover.

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O. C. Bostyshell
Comins

July 16/79

Report of the im-
proved condition of the
Comins dept, since 1st Feb
last, in repair, machinery,
and arrangement of the
rooms to be and the
improved discipline of
the operation from under
the present Sup^t.

Recd July 16/79

HARRISON BROTHERS & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

White Lead, Colors and Chemicals,

OFFICES—PHILADELPHIA, { Main Office, 35th and Grays Ferry Road,
Branch Office, 105 South Front Street.

NEW YORK, 123 Fulton Street.

ALL CONNECTED BY TELEGRAPH WITH FACTORIES.

Philadelphia,

JULY 31ST., 1879.

A. LOUDEN SNOWDEN, ESQ.

U. S. MINT, CITY.

DEAR SIR;

WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM J. W. HUTCHINSON, FORWARDED
BY YOU TO US, FOR WHICH YOU HAVE OUR THANKS.

YOURS TRULY.

Harrison Brothers

*We have put him on the track to define
of his stuff.*

Recd. and 1/2 1879.

*Recd
Aug 1st 1879
The same
as the same & of same*

James W. Hutchinson

YOURS TRULY.

BY YOU TO US, FOR WHICH YOU HAVE OUR THANKS.

WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM J. W. HUTCHINSON, FORWARDED

DEAR SIR;

U.S. MINT, CITY.

A. LONDON SNOWDEN, ESQ.

JULY 31ST, 1879.

Philadelphia,

OFFICES—PHILADELPHIA
New York 133 Fulton Street.
Branch Office, 100 South Front Street.
Main Office, 35th and Gray's Ferry Road.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE BY REGISTERED MAIL FACTORIES.

NEW YORK 133 FULTON STREET.

BRANCH OFFICE, 100 SOUTH FRONT STREET.

MAIN OFFICE, 35TH AND GRAY'S FERRY ROAD.

480

Philadelphia Pa
July 31/79

Harrison, Mrs. & Co.

Recd letter from
J. W. Hutchinson, re
(through agent) Harrison
sent him on the
back to sell

White Lead, Copiers and Chemicals,
HARRISON, MRS. & CO.,
PHILADELPHIA

Recd Aug 1st 1879.

CHARLES O. MORRIS,
LEONARD D. WHITE,
FREDERICK WHITE,
JOHN AUSTIN.

Office of WHITE, MORRIS & Co.,
BANKERS,
No. 6 Wall Street.

New York, July 25th 1879

Director U.S. Mint

Phila
~~our favor of~~

~~received with enclosures as stated~~

Dear Sir

We have this day shipped you
by Adams Express Co. forty three fine silver bars containing
Fifteen thousand and twenty six ⁵⁸ 100 ozs sold at One
hundred twelve unity five per oz by wire 23^d inst. Schedule
of ozs and No's Enclosed

36 bars U.S. Mint assay	7485 13. 35	} 15026 ⁵⁸ ozs ⁹ / ₁₂ ⁹⁵ 169 ⁴ / ₂ ⁵²
7 .. Balbach & Co ..	7541. 45 ..	

For all of which Please make returns

Yours &c

Charles Morris & Co

Noted 7/26
S.P.

#59

New York
July 25/79

White, Morris, & Co

Forwarded \$5,026.58
Silver - sold to the
Directors of the Mint

Rec^d July 26th 1879.

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 25th 1879

A. Landon Houston, Esq.
Capt Mint, Phila^{del}a^{phia}
Pa.
Stn.

We send you this day
through Bk of Wash^{ton} for return in their care
as usual - by the Adams Ex Co this day
the following fine Silver of accompanying mem^{oranda}
to wit

20 Dows
+ 2 Dows 3 S.D. 100th or^s

to cover our

sale to the Director of the Mint of
you 12th CH 294

We will be obliged by
if sending us - Bk of Wash^{ton} a check for
an approximate amt in account -

Very truly
Handy & Cronise

Notes 7/26-79
J.S.

457

New York
July 25/79

Hand & promise

Forwards
50,186.43 on five
slaves @ 112.94

Rec'd July 26th, 1879.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Treasury of the United States,

Washington,

July 25, 1879.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No.

7878

on

Treasury Warrant No. 1912, for \$ 1962

payable to

yourself

, being amount

found due

on settlement.

Very respectfully,

Das H. F. F. F. F.

Treasurer U. S.

Edward L. Galt

575-

Treasurer U. S.

Washington D.C.

To July 25/79

Edward S. Gately
for bill rendered

Mr. Gillman

Transmitting draft
\$7878.19 62 [supplies
for Helena A. Q.]

[This had been in-
-advertently sent back
to Washington, & returned
again.]

Rec^d Aug. 19th 1879.

Rec^d Aug. 19th 1879.

Treasury Department,

U. S. LIFE-SAVING SERVICE,

Washington, D. C., July 25, 1879.

United States Mint

A. London Inwooden. Supt.

Philadelphia. Penn.

Sir,

Herewith is transmitted Draft No. 87.390, dated

this day, and drawn on the Assistant Treasurer of the

United States at New York, by Rushwa Birch

Disbursing Clerk, in your favor, for the sum of seventy-three

and 10/100 _____ Dollars, (\$73.¹⁰), in

liquidation of your bill for seven life-saving medals

of the Second Class (silver), and for

cases and engraving, as authorized

by letter of May 25. 1879. _____

You are requested to acknowledge the receipt of the Draft.

Very respectfully,

W. D. Connor
Acting General Superintendent.

ay/26/79

U.S. Life Savg Service
Washington D.C.
July 25/79

W. D. O'Connor
Actg Quil Supt

Enclos'd draft
for \$73.10 for 7 Life
Savng medals of
the 2nd Class, with
cases & insignia

Recd July 26th 1879.

Treasury Department,

U. S. LIFE-SAVING SERVICE,

Washington, D. C., July 25, 1879.

United States Mint

A. London Snowden, Supt.

Philadelphia. Penn.

Sir:

Herewith is transmitted Draft No. 87.398, dated

this day, and drawn on the Assistant Treasurer of the
United States at New York, by Isidore Rich,

Disbursing Clerk, in your favor, for the sum of sixty-seven
and 25/100 Dollars, (\$ 67.25,) in

liquidation of your bill for one life-saving medal
of the First Class (gold), and for case
and engraving, as authorized by
letter of July 8. 1879.

You are requested to acknowledge the receipt of the Draft.

Very respectfully,

W. D. Connor
Acting General Superintendent.

W. D. Connor
July 26/79

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U. S. Life Savng Service
Washington D. C.
July 25/79

W. D. O'Connor
Acty. Genl. Supt

Encloses draft
for \$67.25 for 1 U. S.
Medal 1st Class (8th)
& case.

Rec'd July 26th 1879.

60 Wall st—

New York 7/23/79

Chief Clerk U.S.
Mint, Philadelphia

Dear Sir— Will you be
kind enough to
state the earnings
of your institution
for the fiscal year
ending June 30/79

Also, if you can
ascertain the fact,
the total earnings
of the British mints
at London, Melbourne
and Sydney from the

date of their establishment
up to that of the
last report by the
Master of the client,
which ~~we~~ ^{we} are quite
sure contains it.
Supposing that you
have this report
we apply to you
and will appreciate
your courtesy in
furnishing us this
information

Very truly
Watson, Lalrange & Gibson

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New York
July 25/79

Watson, LaGrange
& Gibson.

Wants Statement
of U. S. coinage for
1879. Also the
total coinage of the
London, Melbourne
& Sydney Mints.

Rec^d = July 26th, 1879.

New York July 24th 1879

Hon A. Loudon Snowden
 Supt. U.S. Mint
 Philadelphia

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed letter of Messrs. Wotter & Davenport we herewith beg to inform you, that we have this day shipped as per Invoices accompanying the shipment & per enclosed bills of lading of Adams & Co.

39	U. S. A. Silver Bars	999 1/2 oz	7739.21
12	G. Balbach & Co	" " "	13019.25
022	20.068.75 Chilean \$	900 f	18061.87
"	6000 Mex	900. "	5406.
"	1000 Mixed Silver	900. "	900

Oz 45126.33

For which please send us draft on the Assistant

449

New York
July 24. 1879

Molten & Davanport

Towards,
through Spayer & Co.
(to whom payment
^{requested} is to be made)
45,126.33, ors.
fine silver, at
112.95 per oz. fine.

(5 enclosures)

Recd July 25/79

Treasurer of the U.S. at this City at your earliest
Convenience.

Please acknowledge receipt & oblige
Your obedient Servant

Wm. W. Phelps

Rec'd July 25th 1879.

Forty five thousand (£45,000)
Quoted for the Silb at
1, 12. 95^c per oz.

Mr. C. C. C. C. C.
will forward the Silb
to day, and you will
please render accounts
and make payments
to them.

Yours very respectfully

Wm. C. C. C. C.

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in
STOCKS, BONDS &C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2. New Street.

New York, July 24th 1879

London

Super H. Phillips

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.

We have had yesterday
a Meeting Directors U. S.
mint, Washington. D. C.
for account of U. S.
Specie Co. of this city

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$14.700 12 Baw New York July 24 1879

Received from

Twelve Silver Baw
Fourteen thousand seven hundred

Sealed and said to contain

Addressed

Supt W B Mox Philadelphia

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

Freight, Paid 14

For the Company

Wadlow

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$ 40 00 8 Bags New York July 24 1879

Received

from

Payee &

Eight Bags Silver Box value Eighty four hundred Dollars

Sealed and said to contain

Addressed

Supt U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

Freight.

For the Company

W. H. Brown

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$20000

25 Bags

New York

July 24 1879

Received

from

J. P. Meyer & Co

Twenty Five Bags

Sealed and said to contain

Silver value

Eight hundred Dollars each

Addressed

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

Freight,

For the Company

W. H. Wilson

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$7000

7 Bags

New York.

July 24 1879

Received

from

Speyer & Co

Seven Bags

Sealed and said to contain

Silver value One thousand dollars each

Addressed

Sub M Mint

Philadelphia

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

Freight,

Paid 4

For the Company

W. L. Law

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF

HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 24th 1879

A London London Exr
Sept Mint / Mint & 7/4
Whi -

We send you this day by
the Adams Ex Co on account of our sale of
50000^{ms} or 114^{ms}. made to the Director of the Mint
the fine silver of the enclosed memo
to wit

39 Bars & 2 Bars 49025 6/12
an apt of which we

will thank you to send us if
it can be sent this City - by return mail - unless
you prefer to & will be able to make us complete
returns on the following day. On reflection, as to do
the latter will include Sunday and thus subject
us to 2 additional days of interest, we would be
obliged by your sending us a bill as a bill tomorrow
if you do not object. I have found a copy
of your report on the Perry & otherwise all made Bais which
we hope will be due time, result in
better work, with less trouble to you.

Very Truly
Handy & Cronise

Will send you 50000^{ms} more tomorrow 11/24

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New York

New York
July 24/79

Handy & Conise

Sund of Express
49,825.67 oz
fine silvers
@ 112.90 per fine.

With sund
50,000, oz more
tomorrow @ 112.94

Handy & Conise

Rec'd July 25th 1879.

Handwritten ledger entries in cursive script, organized in columns. The entries appear to be financial records, possibly related to the silver transactions mentioned in the printed text. The script is dense and fills most of the right page.

Northumberland Pa
July 23/79
Col A. L. Menden

Dear Sir

Your kind favor duly rec^d
I forwarded you this morning
per express the samples of ore.
and I hope they will turn
out all we expect - if so the
best leave to me - I hope
you will have them thorough-
ly tested

Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
A. C. Simpson

Special.
Leb.

Mr. DuBois.

Recd July 26th 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, August 8, 1879.

Memorandum for Col. Snowden

The mineral samples sent by Mr A. C. Simpson, Northumberland, Pa. have been assayed, and contain nothing of value; excepting one good specimen of red hematite, which may prove profitable as an iron ore, or coarse pigment.

We could easily have settled the question by mere inspection; but being marked "special", we put them through the full course, as soon as we could get time.

With respects of

W Eder Boist
assayer

456 1/2

Northumberland, Pa.
July 23/79

A. C. Simpson

Forwards some
pks of ore for assay

(Hematite iron)

File of July 26th - 1879.

MM

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, July 23, 1879.

Sir:

I forward this day to your address
by Adams Express Co., \$92. $7\frac{3}{4}$ in mutilated
silver pieces, the bullion value of which
I will thank you to ascertain and deposit
with the Asst. Treasurer U.S. in your city,
in transfer account, advising this office.

Very respectfully,

La Follette

Treasurer U.S.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Rec^d

W. L. Orman

W. L. Orman

Aug 7/26/79

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.
July 23/79

Jas. Gilfillan

Towards \$92.72
in mutilated Silver
Coin - Bullion value
to be deposited.

W. D. C. # 343.

71.50 oz.

Rec^d July 24th, 1879



"PRIZE MEDAL AND DIPLOMA AWARDED" "For Original Designs, Superior Workmanship, Good Material, Durability and Faithful Execution," at "CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION, 1876."



WILLIAM W. SMITH,

MANUFACTURER OF FINE FURNITURE

249 & 251 SOUTH THIRD STREET.

A. Londen Snowden Esq. Philadelphia, July 22nd 1879.
Dear Sir -

I sh. at hand. I anticipate de-
livering all of your order excepting
your own Desk in the early part
of the coming week, and will have
your Desk finished about one week
later.

Will lose no effort to hurry
your esteemed order forward.

Very Truly Yours
Wm. W. Smith
W. W. Smith

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Philadelphia Pa
July 22/79

Mr W. Smith

Time when
desks &c can be
delivered.

Recd July 22nd 1879.

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 22nd 1879

Kendall Mendenham Esq
Capt & Co Third Reg
N.Y.

We have through Mr
Wyllie of firm 21st inst enclosing
you \$7184 92 54 7 5
H. D. O'Leary and return herewith
signed the receipt therefore

Very truly
Yours
Handy & Cronise

Kindly oblige for returned
to bill - Should we sell
the East River we hope you
will send us Ch a act
a receipt of time taken

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New York
July 22/79

Handy & Conis

Enclosing
Receipt, York Bank
\$229,447.90

Rec'd July 22nd 1879.

Handy & Conis
New York
July 22/79
\$229,447.90

Handy & Conis
New York
July 22/79
\$229,447.90

This blank is to be filled up at the mailing office and given to the person who presents the letter for registration.

RECEIPT FOR A REGISTERED LETTER.

No. 3477

_____, 1877.

Post Office, _____

Received

of _____

a letter addressed to _____

L. Y. Seward

Shrewsbury

Pa

Sample

P. M.

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~~Shickling, Pa.~~
Phila. P. O. Pa.

July 22/79

Sample for Mr.

Rest for registered
letter for L. J. Seward
Shickling, Pa.

Recd July 22/79

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Allen town, Pa

July 22/79

Reuben M. Brang

Enquires for
an engine &
separator.

Rec^d July 24th, 1879.

Albany July 22.

Sir.

I would ask you in
regard to a question and that is
have you a stone cursor or separator
for your car. and if you have
place let me know or do
you not take car in a stone
and if you do place let me
know place let me know
about it soon

Answer Wright of.

Yours

Ruben M. Strong

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 21st 1879

John Belmont Esq
Acting Supr. U.S. Mint
Dist. N.Y.

7/22/79

In response to your letter
just recd this morning we advise you as
follows.

" Please remit, on account, to day
" Director Mint has heretofore always
" authorized this

and beg to add that
as the interest on this amount is \$30 a day
for 5 days make it a material item in a
sale to the Govt - one which we would be
greatly obliged to your Mint to make as light
as possible. The former Supr of your
Mint, & the present Supr U.S. Mint, has always,
under the direction of the Head of the Bureau at
Washington, always sent us, by return mail, a check
on acct - and as we had only two very recently
five there can be no possible
with to the Government } Handy & Cronise

New York

July 21/79

Haud & Louise

Wants remittance
 on 1/2 day, as
 heretofore the custom,
 Interest on sales,
 Silver is a very
 important item.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Recd July 22nd 1879.

This Silver ^{200,000-000 day} was received
in the Mint on the morning
of the 18th and about 9 1/2
o'clock. It had to be ~~handled~~
~~a single~~ arranged and
compared with the In-
voice. Errors in weights
noted and corrected.
Assays taken and
proven. and a check
was ~~sent~~ mailed on
the afternoon of the 21st.
not more than 2 1/2 work-
ing days after its receipt.

The time usually taken
for payments of even small
deposits is 3 days nearly.
So that no delay can
be charged. C

		First,	Ohio.
		Second,	"
g,		First,	Mich.
		" (Assumed by Merchants and Farmers' Nat'l Bank, Ithaca, N. Y.)	N. Y.
		Merchants and Farmers',	"
		Tompkins County,	"
	(In liquidation.)	First,	Miss.
		"	Mich.
		People's,	"
		First,	Ohio.
		"	Tenn.
lle,	(Reducing.)	First,	Ill.
		National Bank.	"
		First Nat'l Bank of Florida.	Fla.
		West River,	Vt.
g,		First,	N. J.
n,		"	N. Y.
		Second,	"
		Chautauqua County,	"
		First,	Wis.
		Rock County,	"

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

July 21 1879

Received at

To

Acting Spt Mint

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Please remit on
account today. Director
Mint has heretofore
always authorized this
Candy & Cronis

12/50

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

438.

~~438~~

New York

July 21/79

(Telegram)

Handy & Leonise

Want remittance
to day in 1/2 silver
delivered.

Rec^d July 21st 1879

on 12/3/79

117 1/4 Penn St.

July 21/79

Mr. A. Louisa Snowden,

Dear Sir:-

I send by current mail a circular respecting the session of the National Educational Association in this city, with a programme of its exercises.

Many of the institutions of interest in the city have extended invitations to visit these places upon presenting their cards of membership.

Could such invitation and arrangement so far as your institution is concerned, be effected, also?

Most Respyly

Edgar A. King

Chas. Joint Com.

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Philadelphia, Pa

July 21/79

Edgar A. Singer
Chm Print Comr

Enquires about
Birth of National
Educational As-
sociation to the Mint

Rec^d July 21st 1879.

Treasury of the United States,

From

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS,

July 19th, 1879.

Str:

The following transfer orders have this day been issued for transportation of funds

to your office — (Light Gold Coin)

NO. OF ORDER.

From

AMOUNT.

8622 A. T. U. New York N. Y.

\$ 10400 —

(Re coinage account)

Rec'd

W. L. L. L. L.

L. C.

To

Superintendent
Mint U. S.
Philadelphia Pa

Joe L. L. L.

Treasurer U. S.

Noted. 7/22/79
L. L. L.

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Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.
July 19/79

Jas. Gilfillan

Noting J. Q.
#8622 of 10,400, light gold
coin for exchange, from
Asst. Treas. U.S. New York

Mr. D. C. #975

555.05 oz.

Recd July 21st 1879.

479 Cass Avenue,
Detroit, Mich.
July 19th 1879.

Sir.

7/28/79

I am after information, in regard to the coinage of the United States, I have a coin manual published by assayers of the Mint in 1842, but want something later, to date if possible, giving the amount of the coinage each year & also the number of pieces of the different denominations ^{made} each year.

If there is anything published by the Mint authorities or by the Treasury, that will convey the above ^{desired} information I will thank you very much if you will let me hear of it.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. H. Payne

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Detroit, Mich
July 19/79

Wm. St. Payne

Wants Notar
of the annual
congress of the
U. S.

Recd July 26th 1879.

220 So 4th St

July 29, 1879 -

Dear Sir

In March 1725, a
ground rent was reserved out
of Property in Third St above
Chestnut St in this City —

It is described by the Deed as

"A rent of two pounds sixteen
" Shillings lawful money at the
" rates appointed by the late act
" of Parliament for ascertaining
" the rate of foreign coins in
" the Plantations of America"

Can you tell me how much the
two pounds and sixteen shillings
at said appointed rates will
amount to in United States
Money —

I do not like to
trouble you, but as you know
more about the value of coins
than almost any one in town
you will confer a great favor
if you will answer my inquiry

Yrs truly

James B. Paul
A. Snowden Snowden Esq

Philadelphia, Pa
July 19, 1879

James W. Paul, Esq

Enquire, the value
of £2; 16 s. lawful money
at the date fixed by Act
of Parliament fixing the
date of foreign coin, in
the Plantations of
America

Rec^d July 21st 1879.

Phil^a July 18th 1879
U. S. Mint

W. E. Barber Esq
Engraver
Sir

The three dies
of the standard silver dollar.
(one obverse two reverse) prepar-
ed by you and hardened by
the Hamstead patent pro-
cess. were placed in Corning
press No 6. the first pair
struck eighty thousand pieces
the remaining reverse struck
sixty thousand pieces. in the
appearance and general work-
ing of the dies there was no per-
ceptable difference from those pre-
pared in the usual way.

Yours Most Obedient
H. W. Downing

Port Maitland Centre C. Pa. July 18. 1879.

A London Snowden

Philadelphia

Sir

Referring to yours of 17th th before me
I would say that if you would
take coal at the C. P. I would like
to receive your proposals to bid
on when you wish your contract.
I could not well deliver in
your place of storage but could
deliver on car at Philadelphia

Respectfully

A. W. Rice

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Port Maitland, N.S.W.
July 18/79

A. W. Reese

Can deliver
Coal at the Co.
but not at the
Mint

Recd. July 19th 1879.

Shickshinny Luz Co Pa

July 18th 1879

Superintendent of the Mint, Phila,
Sir

I send you this day
by Registered Letter No 21 in
Reg. P.K. Envelope No 20; 371 Nickel
& Silver Three Cent pieces \$11.13
which I have received in the
regular course of official
Transactions.

You will please do me the favor
to send to me in return a
Draft of like amount on
Philadelphia,

And oblige Your Servant
L. T. Seward

Postmaster

N.B. I have paid Postage, but
I don't know whether I am
obliged to or not,

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Shickshining, Pa
July 18. 1879

L. T. Seward

Sends \$11.13

Silver & Nickel

34 pieces for
redemption.

Rec^d July 19th, 1879.

Treasury Department,

U. S. LIFE-SAVING SERVICE,

Washington, D. C., July 18, 1879.

United States Mint
(S. London Ironsides, Supt.)
Philadelphia, Penn.

Sir;

Herewith is transmitted Draft No. 87.357 ~~_____~~, dated
July 17. 1879, and drawn on the Assistant Treasurer of the
United States at New York, by Richard B. Rich
Disbursing Clerk, in your favor, for the sum of Eleven and
25/100 ~~_____~~ Dollars, (\$ 11.²⁵/₁₀₀) in
liquidation of your bill for one life saving medal
of the Second Class (silver), together with
case and engraving, as authorized
by letter of July 7. 1879. ~~_____~~

You are requested to acknowledge the receipt of the Draft.

Very respectfully,

W. B. COMOD.
Acting General Superintendent.

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U.S. Life Saving Service
Washington D.C.
July 18. 1879

W.D. O'Connor
Acting Genl Supt

Forward, draft
\$1125 for 1 Life Savg
Mach 2^d class,
admed July 7. 1879

Recd July 19th, 1879.

A. NEWKUMET & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Black Lead Crucibles, Retorts & Chemical Appliances,
GLASS HOUSE POTS,

Stove Polish, Lubricating Plumbago, Foundry Facings, Lumber Pencils, &c.

No. 1537 & 1539 N. Front St.,

Philadelphia. July 17th 1879

Hon. A. S. Snowden

Supdt. U. S. Mint Phila.

Dr. Sir

On 7/21/79

I trust you will not think us presumptuous in addressing you this note on the subject of Crucibles of which I send you prices as requested on June 6th. I tried to see you personally several times, but was not so fortunate as to find you in. As regards Crucibles I presume you have already bought some and I would thank you to let me know if there is any prospect of receiving part of your Orders for the same or anything else. At the same time I would say that I am willing to make as many for trial as you may wish should you prefer it previous to giving an Order feeling satisfied I can supply you with a good satisfactory Pot, such as will not break on fire heat. Yours Respectfully A. Newkumet

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Philadelphia, Pa.
July 17/79

A. Newkumet

Wants to fur-
nish candles
for the Hunt,

Rec^d July 18th, 1879.

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 17th 1879

A. Gordon Gordon, Esq
Supt Mint Phila^a
Pa
D.C.

We send you this day by
The Adams & Co, through Bank of New York,
in settlement of an sale yesterday to the
Director of the Mint of 2000⁰⁰ of fine silver
@ 113⁰⁰

160 Bar, as per list enclosed, 202952²⁰
@ 112 fine silver

for which please remit us if
you please by transmittal mail, a check on
the Sub Treasurer this City for an approximate
amount - sending it to us Care of the Bank
of New York - and forwarding later, in the
same way, a balance check

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

430

New York
July 17/79

Sturdy & Conis

Forwards by
Exch. 202, 252 20 oz
fine silver, @
113.86 1/2 per oz.

Recd July 18/79

Recd 11/18-11/27/79

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.

BANKERS.

New York July 15 1879
Capt US Frigate
Dear Sir:

Philadelphia

We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 14
inclosing check \$56711⁵⁷

not enclose receipts
duly signed by us —

Very Respectfully
J. W. Seligman

419

New York

July 15, 1879

J. W. Seligman & Co

Enclosing receipts
for checks for
\$56,711 ⁵¹/₁₀₀

Recd July 16th, 1879.

Highlands Marion Co.

N.C.

July 25. 1879

To Supt. of Mint &
Phila. Pa.

Sir:

Could I exchange
gold dust at the mint
for coin, or how could I
get gold into cash. I
have a chance to buy small
quantities and wish to know
if you would take small lots.
In fact I write for information
as to how to handle the pure metal.
Please let me know.

Respectfully yours
Dexter White

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Highland, Me
July 25/79

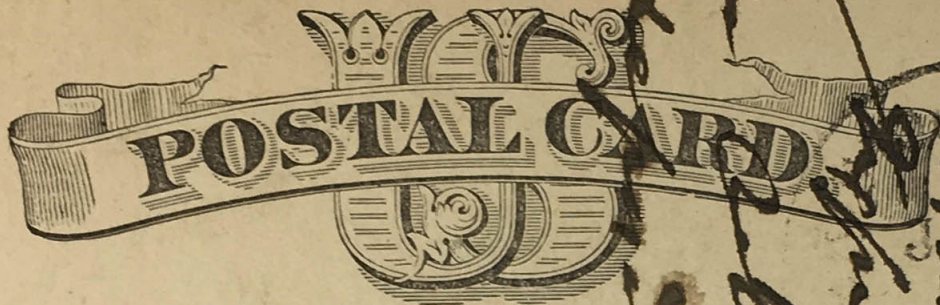
Bayten White

Enquirer if he
can deposit gold
dust for coinage.

Gold circular
mailed July 28/79

Recd July 28th 1879.

Dear Sir When I received
my returns No 811 gold and
No. 288 silver June 19th, 1877
on the day immediately after
the letter from U. S. Mint
came the following mark $\$75$.
and I had 75-cents to pay
above all Express and other
charges please write me a
Postal and explain this
Yours truly Darwin De Wolf
Chattanooga Tenn.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Recd
May 14, 1879.

Mr. A. Bowdler
Superintendent
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

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Philadelphia
May 14, 1879
Mr. A. Bowdler
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Received

397
Chattanooga Tenn.

Instruct "No Protest" on all Collections, unless you wish them protested for non-acceptance and Non-payment.

THE AULL SAVINGS BANK.

GEORGE WILSON, President.

GEO. WILSON, Jr., Cashier.

JO. A. WILSON, Ass't Cashier.

Lexington, Missouri,

July 20 1879

Director of U. S. Mint-
Philad. P. A.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed 25 ct piece
seems to have all the requisites
of a genuine coin except the
"ring". Some persons think
it counterfeit. As I have
seen several such coins,
(destitute of "ring" or sound)
I forward this for your o-
pinion.

Very Resp
Jo. A. Wilson

an/26/79

45-3

Lexington, Mo.
July 20/79

Geo. A. Wilson

Enclosed is
Twenty Dollars for
Examination

Rec'd July 26th, 1879.

Fifth National Bank

L. Halsey Williams
Cashier

Pittsburgh, 7/18/1879

Director as with
Phil⁹

Attn Phase and directors
(if any are issued) about
presenting subsidiary
below for redemption.
Do depositors have to
await counting and
how long does it generally
take to get return?

Reply

L. H. Williams

Rec'd July 18/1879

Pittsburg, Mo.

July 18/79

L. H. Williams Esq

Enquire, terms &

time of redemption

of Sub. Silver Coin

Respy

L. H. Williams

Recd July 19th 1879.

W M 21
Greentown. O. July 15-1879.

Director of Mint:

Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir -

I have an old
gold watch Case and works
which I wish to dispose
of. According to weight
by a jeweller in Leanton it
contains \$7.20 worth of
gold. I cannot dispose
of it for cash at a jewelry
store. They will only
take it in trade.

I would like to have cash
for it, as I need the money.
Would you take it, and give
me what it is worth?

I could send it to you by mail
and you could weigh it and
send me its value by mail - de-

deating expenses. I would
allow you something for
it if I should be required,
Custom or would be required.
Please answer by return
mail in enclosed envelope.
I enclose a 3 cent stamp to
pay you for your trouble
in answering.

Most truly Yours.
John. A. Wright.

P.S. I am the M. E. Minister of
this place, and am a little
pressed financially: This
is why I wish to dispose of
this watch.

Truly Yours -

John. A. Wright.

Recd July 18th 1879.

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Greentown Q.
July 13/79

Recd
John A. Wright

Wants to sell
old gold watch
case.

Recd July 18/79

Treasury of the United States,

Washington,

July 15, 1879.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Draft No. 7768

on Treasury Warrant No. 1787, for \$34,500.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

payable to the order of yourself

and accountable for under the following appropriations, viz:

80-Salaries-Mint at Phil^a
" Wages of workmen "
" Contingent Expenses "

	3	000	00
	25	000	00
	6	000	00

Very respectfully,

Samuel H. Piccan

Treasurer U. S.

A. London Snowden
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

(This letter of advice is to be forwarded to the Disbursing Officer or Agent.)

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Received U.S.
Washington D.C.
July 15. 1879

Jas. Gilfillan

Forward, draft
for July Expenses, to
\$34,500. —

[Cashier's receipt
within.]

Rec^d July 16th, 1879.

Julius Molter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Molter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in
STOCKS, BONDS & C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street

New York, July 15th 1879

How. C. R. Gordon
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir,
Your favor of 14th inst
with enclosure for \$11,370¹³
payment in full for Silver
Shipment of 10th inst, has
been received, and you will
please accept our thanks.
The enclosed Receipt in
duplicate, and remittance, I enclose
Yours very respectfully
C. F. Davenport.

420

New York
July 15, 1879

Mollat Duranport

Enclosing receipt for
Check \$11,370.¹³

Recd July 16th, 1879.

E. K. Smith.

C. E. Graybill.

BANKING HOUSE
OF

E. K. Smith & Co.

Columbia, Pa. July 15th 1879

Supt. U. S. Mint
Dear Sir. Phila Pa.

About how much delay
would there be in the
redemption of a small lot
of silver coin, should we
send it to you at this time.
Knowing that it has been
sent in faster than you
could count and examine
it, is why we ask the question.

Yours Respectly

E. K. Smith & Co.

~~We usually pay such~~
~~deposits on the 3rd day~~
~~after receiving the bullion~~

~~H. B.~~

417

Columbia Pa

July 15, 1879

E. R. Smith & Co

Inquiry how soon
Anti Silver coin
can be redeemed

Recd July 16th, 1879.

MM
In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, July 15th, 1879.

Sir:

I forward this day to your address,
by Registered Mail, \$33. in mutilated silver
pieces, the bullion value of which I
will thank you to ascertain and deposit
with the Asst. Treasurer U.S. in your city
in transfer account, advising this office,

Very respectfully,

Wm. D. Fiske

Treasurer U.S.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pra.

Rec'd July 16. 1879

S. M. Evans

444 1/4

Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.
July 13. 1879

Jas. Gilfillan

Sends \$33. in un-
-tilated Silver. Bullion
value to be deposited.

M. D. C. # 332; 25.10 oz.

Rec^d July 16th, 1879.

ESTABLISHED IN 1840

Henry Roemer

Manufacturer of

STANDARD SCALES & WEIGHTS

710

Market Street,

Philadelphia July 15 1879

LEHMAN & BOLTON PHILS

Col A. Souden Souden
Surgt. U. S. Army
Dear Sir

Will you have the
kindness to let us have
have the weights - which
I learn by your note of
this date, are ready for
delivery. -

Very truly yours
Henry Roemer

Philadelphia Pa
July 15, 1879

Henry Troemer

Order for the
weights left for ver-
fication.

Rec^d July 15th 1879.

203 Kansas Avenue,
Topeka, Kansas.
July 13, 1879.

Sir,
Yours of the 12th to
hand. I thank you for the
alternative you so cour-
teously present.

My preference is
that you cause the value
of the chain to be forwarded
to me minus cost of
assay.

I appreciate the
trouble you kindly take
about so small a matter
as my chain, which I had
considered of greater value

Topeka, Kansas
July 15, 1879

Henry L. Taylor

Wants the value
of his chain for
-wound & left the
cost of assay.

Rec^d July 18th, 1879.

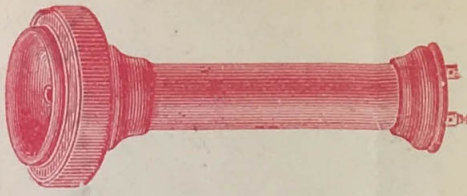
than it is. In sending it to
the Mint, I followed the
advice given me by a
local jeweller, who could
not have known that you
do not purchase gold of
less value than \$100.

And I am
Yours most obliged
and respectfully,

Henry G. Taylor.

John L. Le Conte esq,
Acting Sup^t,
The U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

OFFICE OF
THE NATIONAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
22 WASHINGTON STREET,
GEO. B. ENGLE, JR. & CO.,
General Agents.



GENERAL OFFICES:
95 MILK STREET,
BOSTON.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA,

July 14th 1879.

Gents, Do you buy old coin?

If so please say (1) Have you
a list of the prices you give?
(2) is it the same list as Mess
Scott & Co publish? (3) What is the
price of your list?

I have a collection and will sell.
If you do not Buy can you
put the address of a firm that
does on the card? I enclose two
stamps for your trouble.

Respectfully requested
Chas B Shipton.

P.O. Box 391

Aug 15 79

Cedar Rapids, Iowa
July 14. 1879

Chas. B. Shipton

Offer collecting
old coins for sale.
Wants price list.

Recd - July 17th 1879.

Moreauville Louisiana
July 14th 1879.

Mr Lindeman
Supt U.S. Mint Philad^a

Dear Sir - Sometime
since I saw in Courier Journal
of Louisville Kentucky that you
could perhaps give the name
& address of a purchaser of old
coin. I have a Silver dollar
of A.D. 1802 U.S.A. Also a Bill
for Eight dollars & 4900, dated
Annapolis 1st day January 1767 -

I you can inform me of the
probable ^{market} worth of the above specimen
you will greatly oblige yours

Please find inclosed
U.S Postage Stamp
& Lead pencil
impression of the
Silver Coin.

Very Respectly
C. W. Keller M.D.
Moreauville P.O.
Avoyelles Parish
Louisiana

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Moreauville, La.

July 14/79

C. M. Keller, M.D.

Enquiring value
of Dollars of 1802
or some Colonial
paper money.

Recd July 24th 1879.



@ 7/17/79

Port. Matheu Centu & Pa. July 14 1879

Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir

Would you please answer
me the following.

How much Char coal do you
use in a year at the Mint
Whom do you let your contracts
How many inches do you take for
a bushel? Does Coal made from
all kinds of sound wood. Answer.
Do you let the contracts out by bids.

I would like to supply you
with coal. When you would
be in need. Would be much
pleased to hear from you.

Respect Yours

For the M & R.

A. W. Reese

We use very little

assay sift assays

2500 Bu. Oak } heaped bushels
3500 " Pine Knot } in side of
no place for storage, except
as required

421

Port Matilda, Pa
July 14/79

A. W. Reese

Wants to supply
the mine with char-
coal - makes in-
quiries.

(Mr. R. W. Hunter
attached.)

Rec'd July 16th, 1879.

U. S. Mint at Philad^a

M & R. Dept.

17. July. 1879

Sir,

In reply to the communication of A. W. Reese of 14th Inst., respecting Charcoal, I state that we consume 3500 bushels of Pine Knot (so-called), and 3500 bu. of Oak Coal in Six (6) Months, which has been the usual period of a contract; that we are supplied in lots of 100 @ 200 bush. at a time, just as we order, having no space for storage; — that only good wood, making a dense coal, is suited for our purpose.

Very Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth

M & R.

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

....., 187 .

.....
Melter and Refiner.

No. of Enclosures,

ESTABLISHED IN 1840

Henry Roemer

Manufacturer of

STANDARD SCALES & WEIGHTS

710

Market Street,

Philadelphia July 14 1879

LEHMAN & BOLTON PHILA

Col. A. Lawrence Inverness

Super. U. S. Mint Phil^a

Dear Sir

By instructions of the Hon. Secy
of the Treasury - I send with herewith
a set of weights 300 g. to 1 g. for
verification & they are for the
U. S. Ass^t Treasury at Phil^a.

Very Respectfully
Henry Roemer

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Philadelphia Pa
July 14/79

Henry Roemer

Send, for verification, set of
weights for Asst
Treas. U. S. at
Philadelphia,

Rec^d July 14th, 1879.

POST OFFICE

U.S.
P. O. D.

Athens, Tenn

JNO. O. SEHORN, P. M.

GROFF'S PUBLICATION OFFICE,
Wellsville, O.

July 14th 1879

U. S. Mint

I send enclosed -
some old coins - silver, copper & Nickel -
Please exchange for some other coin
larger than 3^c piece - or if you
will, - prefer Dft on N. Y. - less
the discount - I don't know what
the coin amt's to - so you - can
put yr. own value on it, - I
can't dispose of it here at all,

Very Resply,
Jno. O. Sehorn
Athens,

McMinn Co, Tenn,

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Atkins, Tenn
July 14/79

Mr. C. Schorn
P.M.

Enclosing
Some old Silver,
Copper & Nickel
Coins for Exchange

Rec^d July 16th, 1879.

Private

July 14/99

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Put Pleasant July 12th
Hon, C. L. Snowden

Would
you kindly inform me
at what time Miss
Maggie Murphy worked
in the mine, how long
she was employed there?
Was she discharged?
What time did she leave?

I
do not think she has
been in the mine since
you have had it in
charge, but of course
the books will show.
By giving me this info

information you will
confer a favor that
will be appreciated by
Yrs. Very Resp
Mrs H. D. Greenwood
Chas. Pleasant
Washington D.C.

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Miss

Washington D.C.

July 12/79

Mrs. H. D. Greenhow

Enquire, where
Miss Maggie Murphy
was employed in
the street to

Recd = July 14th, 1879.

Phila., July 11, 1879

Dr. Leconte: -

Dear Sir.

Instead of
sending to the Mart, I send
the 9th or last volume to your
residence. It is left on sale with
me by a party who needs the money,
and are obliged to sell it. They
are anxious for me to sell it as
soon as possible. There is another
party who will take it to-morrow,
if you do not. I told them you
had the refusal of it. I therefore
send the last volume to your
residence so that you may look at
it to-night. Will send my man
to your residence to-morrow morning
at 9 o'clock; and if you wish
the set, he can bring the volume
back, and the 9 volumes can be
taken whenever you may wish them

to be sent. 9 volumes are all
that are out, and the 9th volume
has been issued only about 2 weeks.

Very Respectfully
Henry H. Holliman
7 St. 10th. St. at.
City.

Rec^d July 11th, 1879.

Phila., July 11. 1879.

Dr. Leconte, -

Enclosed is your note, the latter part of which I do not understand. I told you yesterday you could have the subsequent volumes as they came out. I do not know what you mean by an official letter with the order. ^{has}

The party left it with me for sale, and they need the money at once. If I sent it up this morning, can I receive the money for it to-day. Of course, any order from the ment is good enough; but then the parties want to use the money at once. They would rather have \$17.00 in money than an order for \$18.00 that they could not use for several days.

Very Respectfully,
Henry H. Hollings.

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Philadelphia, Pa
July 11/79

Henry N. Hollaway

In reference to
the purchase of
Books, for which
the money is wanted
immediately.

Recd July 11/79

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Mohire. Ill

July 11. 1879

J. S. Gilmore
cashr
1st Nat Bk

Reports. 80 cts shortage in
bag of nickels recd from
Mint.

Sends bag, tag and
strings for inspection.

[Cashier's reply filed herewith]

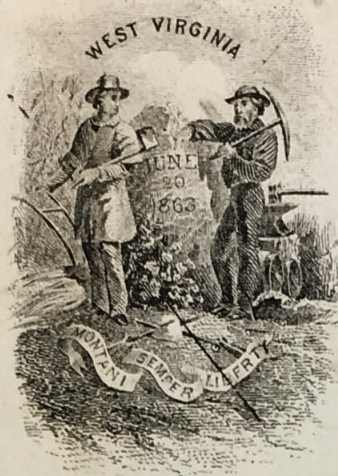
Recd July 16. 1879

J. C. Beeson, President.

No 961.

Jos. Evans Sands, Cashier.

First National Bank



FAIRMONT, W.V.

July 11 1879

A. J. Hunt

Pro^a.

We have some \$400 in
cents of all dates and issues. Some \$100 in
three cent pieces, and \$200 in middle, and a lot of
old coin - 5¢ 6 1/4¢ 3 - 1 1/2¢ and some of new -
Upon what terms can I ship them to you
and get Standard Silver Dollars for same

Respectfully Yours.

J. E. Sands Cashier.

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Fairmont, W. Va
July 11/79

J. E. Sand, Esq.

Enquiring about
redemption of
mine coins, &
shaded silver
coins

Rec^d July 14th, 1879.

July 14/79

Minneapolis Minn July 11/79
Superintendent
U S Mint Philadelphia
D Sir

Do you purchase Gold
Plate & Gold Scraps of
the former I have $12\frac{2}{3}$ Dwt
+ the latter varying in
quality about \$30 Dwt
do you buy at the each
weight, or do you only
buy in $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ + whole
Dwt when two or three
lots are sent of different
qualities
Very Respectfully
J M Gardner

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Minneapolis, Minn

July 11/79

Thos. Gardiner

Enquiring of
deposits and rec'd
of sold plate
or sold scraps to

Rec^d - July 14th, 1879.

RETURN REGISTERED-LETTER RECEIPT.

NOTE.—This return receipt, after being signed by the party to whom the letter or package which accompanies it is delivered, must be immediately inclosed to the Postmaster at the office where it originated.

Should the registered letter not be delivered, this receipt must be forwarded with it, in due course, to the Dead-Letter Office.

No. 658

, 1877

Mailed at

by

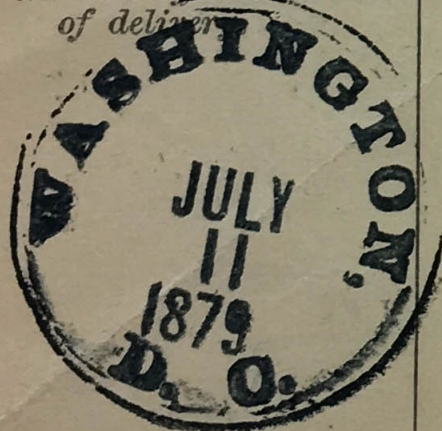
a letter addressed to

Phila
U. S. Mint

W. F. or W. P. Harvey

Washington D. C.

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery



Received the above-described letter.

Sign
here. }

W. P. Harvey

Recd July 15th, 1879.

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Washington D.C.
July 11/75

W. J. Harvey

Receipt for
Registered Letter

Recd July 15/79

J. L.

Treasury Department

First Comptrollers Office

July 11th 1879

Hon. James Pollock.

(Late) Sup^t. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Your accounts for gold and silver
bullion deposited, and purchased at the
U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, commencing
January 1st 1879, and ending March 3rd 1879
has been adjusted at the Treasury, per
First Auditor's Report No 215210 and the fol-
lowing described balances found to be remain-
ing in the Mint, viz: —

Gold Bullion	\$ 1,899,119.43
Silver Bullion	5,666,688.34
Gold coin	1,540,786.34
Silver coin	2,546,518.73
Minor coinage metal	96.905.90

Minor Coin

58,033.58

\$11,808,052.32

Deduct amt. of Bullion and
coin turned over to A.L. Snowden
Esq., your successor in office, per
receipts on file,

\$11,796,495.71

Bal. due the United States \$11,556.61

The above balance due the United
States is the same in amount with that
of disallowances per Reports #211307 and
#213093 for over-charges on bills of Adams
Express Company.

Very Respectfully
A.L. Porter
Comptroller.

The above is a true copy of the letter of the 11th May 1879
of the First Comptroller, see the 12th of May 1879.
(the original in my possession)

J.A. Pocock

Lat. Sup. U.S. M. & Ph. Co

Ph. Co. July 12/79.

2530.

Washington D.C.
July 11. 1879
(Copy)

A. G. Porter
First Comptroller Treas
To
Ex: Supt Pollock

Bullion for from
1 Jan'y 1879 to 3rd
March 1879, adjusted
Bal. due U.S. \$11,556.61
being the disallowed
Adams Express bills

Rec'd July 12/79

Naval Office. Thu July 12/79
L. R. Comperthwaite
Dear Sir

I rec'd a letter this
morning from the First Comptroller
of the Treasury, of which the enclosed
is a fair copy, & can be put to use
be. I will hold the original,
all well,

Yours truly
Jas. Pollock

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 10th 1879

A London House, Esq
Lynch Hunt, Phila - Pa
Sir -

We have through Bk
with your favor of the 9th inst enclosing Memo
of return of Bullion sent you 7th inst, with
Ch 7177 for proceeds - to wit - \$17,489.57
H & S Doly - and enclosing you the receipt,
signed, as requested, remain

Very Respectfully
Handy & Cronise

New York
July 10/79

Handy & Son

Return receipts for
che \$117,489.51 for
silver sold

Recd July 11th 1879

Recd July 11th 1879

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS &c.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York,

July 10th 1879

Wm. Gordon Snowden Esq
Director, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

Please accept thank
for your Remittance of Draft
on your Dear Bank for
\$14,865.45 and dollar in
payment of our Silver
Shipment of 7th -

We Enclose Receipts
in Duplicate, and remain
Dear Sir, very respectfully,
C. F. Davenport

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New York
July 10/79

Maltby & Dampson

Return receipt
for chkd \$14,865⁴⁵

Recd July 11th 1879

AGENCY
OF
The Bank of California.

Office of Laidlaw & Co.

12 PINE STREET

New York July 10th 1879

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Sir

On July 9th we sold to
the U. S. Government Twenty five
thousand ounces Silver at \$1.1374
per ounce & it will be forwarded
to you by Messrs E. Balbach & Son
of Newark, N. J for our account

Yours truly

Laidlaw & Co

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New York

July 10/79

Laidlaw & Co

25,000 oz, fine
Silver sold to Wells
@ \$1.1374 will be
delivered by Es
Balbach & Son
Newark, N. J.

Recd July 11th 1879

New York, July 10 1879

Supt U.S. Mint Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find
Invoice of 31 Bars & 1 Key amounting
to 49,862⁰⁰ 93 999 fine
against which we sold ^{Directly Mint} ~~you~~ yesterday
10000. 93 113⁸⁰ & 40000. 93 113⁸⁷

We possess your favor
of the 9th enclosing check
S.D. \$ 58640.⁰⁰

Hand you receipts duly signed
by us.

Very Respectfully
J. Seligman & Co.

New York
July 10/79

J. & M. Seligman & Co

Forwarded by
Express \$9,862.25
fine silver on gold sale
to D. etc.
Return Receipt to
for check \$58,640.68

Recd July 11/79

Recd July 11th 1879

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in
STOCKS, BONDS &c.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street

New York, July 15th 1877

Wm. A. London Snowden
Super. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We have sold
to Actg Director U. S. M.
Washington. 9th int.
of 10,000. Fine Silver
a 1,13, 86 and take forward
to day, as per Receipt Enclosed
of 8,696¹⁶ U. S. A. O. N. Y. Fine Silver
" 1,450. - mixed Silver.

We are respectfully

Make the request, if
there should be any delay
as regard the mixed silver,
to kindly make us
pennance on account.

To Honored, Dear Sir:

Yours very respectfully

John C. Carpenter.

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New York

July 10/79

Mott & Danvers

Forwarded by
Express 8,696.16 oz
fine Silas, and
1,450 oz, mixed
Silas; and request
Remittance.

Recd - July 11th, 1879.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$10.900

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Packs

New York

July 10

1879

Received from

from

Molten & Laverpool

Eleven

Packs

Sealed and said to contain

Ten thousand nine hundred dollars plus

Addressed

W. J. Munit

Philadelphia
Penn

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

For the Company

Freight,

For the Company,

Insurance, \$

MW

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, July 9 . 1879.

Sir:

I forward this day to your
address, by Reg. Mail, \$22.⁸³/₁₀₀ in
mutilated silver pieces, the bullion
value of which I will thank you
to ascertain and deposit with the
Asst. Treasurer U. S., in your city, in
Transfer account, advising this office.

Very respectfully,

La C. L. L. L.

Treasurer U.S.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

Recd July 10th 1879

Wm Evans for M.

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.
July 9, 1879

Jas. Gilfillan

Forwarded by reg'd
mail \$22.⁸³ mutilated
silver pieces. Bullion
value to be deposited
as usual

M. & D. #317.
17.75 oz.

Deposited July 14th, 1879.

Rec'd July 10th 1879.

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO

New York July 7 1869

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We ship you
to day for Adams Express Co
48 Bars Silver 999
weighing 51,335⁶⁵
for which please send us your
check as usual

We sold the Director of Mint
in July 3 3450
10000 114²⁵
10000 114³⁰
30000 114⁴⁰

which please note.

Very Respectfully
Jas Seligman & Co

Notes Sept
7/- 1879

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New York
July 7. 1879

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

Forwarded by
Express, \$7,338.65
025. fine silver
sold July 2/79

Recd July 8th 1879.

@4/8

Pamestown New York
July 2^d 1849

Dear Sir

I am preserving
a Specimen of each year's
Silver & Nickel coin
and have been unable to
get any dates of this year
(1849) I see by James
Statement of Coinage that
there were 450 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 1/4 & 1/8 dimes
struck during this if you
will tell me how I can
get one of each coin
and a 5 cent nickel of 1849
1848 & 1844 also a 3 cent
nickel of the same date
over

If you can send them
to me by Express C. O. D.
and add enough to the
nominal value to pay you
for your trouble I will
pay it cheerfully; or inform
me how to send for them
on the Enclosed P. O. Card
By doing the above or
placing it in some one's
hands that will you
will Oblige an Antiquarian
N. B. Parker

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James, Conn., N. Y.
July 2/79

N. B. Parker

Wants Silver &
Nickel Coins of 1849,
& Nickels of some
other years.

Rec^d July 7th, 1879.

Qy/5/79

Amboy 7-1-79

1 U.S. Mint.

Grady,

I have quite numbers of Pennies bearing the dates of 1857-8 resp. Are they worth more than the common "cuts"? I collected these under the impression that they would bring more as they contained silver. Will you please ans, letting me know if they are worth anything, what they are worth.

Resp

O. J. Fleming

Amboy

L. C.

Ill

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Amby, Ill
July 1/79

O. L. Heming

Engraving, value
2 1/4 pieces, 4 1857-8

Rec^d July 7th, 1899.

Byrne Postoffice,
Putnam Co., Tenn.,
June 30th, 1879

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir— Inclosed you
will find a few stones
which is supposed to contain
gold by some who have
seen them, and not know-
ing what kind of Mineral
it was, though the best way
to find out, was to send it
to some, U. S. Mint, hoping
it may be examined. If it
should prove to be gold,
how much would a pound
of the stone be worth in money,
or something near it, say it
contained as much of the
Mineral in proportion to
what I have sent.

Hoping that you will

favor me with the
information I ask,
I am yours &c.
Jos. M. Beach

iron pyrites. - seems to have no
value.

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Byrne P. O. Tenn.

June 30/79

Gen. M. Beach

Enclosures for
Examination Stones
Supposed to contain
gold

Rec^d July 5th 1879.

J.M.
In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, July 7th, 1879

Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 5th current, relative to Transfer Letter No. 1403 Directing a remittance from your Office of \$1,000. Standard Silver Dollars, to the First National Bank Atkinson Wis^c, I beg to inform you that upon inquiry at the Office of the Assistant Treas. U. S. New York I find that the name of the Bank to which the Standard Dollars should be sent is First National Bank Fort Atkinson Wis^c.

Very respectfully
A. A. S. S. S.
Treasurer U. S.

Superintendent:

Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.
July 7. 1879

Jas. Gillman

1,000 old silver
dollars on J. Letter
#1403, should be sent
to First Natl Bank
Port Atkinson, Wis.

Rec^d July 8th, 1879.

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport.

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS &c.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, July 7th 1879.

Now
James Pollock
Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We sold to Director U. S.
Mint, Washington D. C., on July
2nd, Thirteen thousand (or 13000)
Fine Silver @ 114²⁹/₁₀₀

We forward you today, as
per Invoice, 66 Bars U. S. Assay

qs 1301982, 999 Fine.

You will much oblige us
by favoring us with a remit
tance at your earliest convenience

Yours Respectfully

Wm. S. Brown

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New York
July 7. 1879

Molten & Davenport

Towards by Exp.
13,019. 82 or, the
same, in full
of date July 2/79

Rec^d July 8th, 1879.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$ 14000

New York.

July 3

1879

Received

from

Wolter & Davenport

Thirteen bags

Sealed and said to contain

Fourteen thousand dollars in silver

Addressed

U S Mint

Philadelphia

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

Freight,

paid

For the Company

Walter

Insurance, \$

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company **TRANSMITS** and **DELIVERS** messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of **Unrepeated Messages**.

This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. *25*

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Washn Dc 7/7 1879

Received at

*Expt M Gmmt
Philad*

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP. Anticipate today transfer order for six hundred and eighty twenty thousand ^{Standard} Silver Dollars to first National Bank Altoona Penna.

*Gas Gilfillan
Treasurer*

ref.

29th G R

*Received
for deposit
July 7/79*

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.
July 7. 1879

Jas. Gilfillan

(Telegram)

To anticipate
T. Q. \$8600. for \$20000
Std Silver dollar
for 1st Natl Bank,
Altoona, Pa.

Rec^d July 7th, 1879.

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 7th 1879

A London branch for
suppl of the Mint
this yr

We send you this
day by the Adams Ex Co - in full of an sale
to the Director of the Mint on the 2nd inst
of 100⁰⁰ or five ltr @ 114⁴² for 1000 franc and
payable by Dfh for St Dely on the US Treas - this
City - five ltr as per memo herewith.

to send

16 Bag St Louis

Peru - Leno

& Hall

102 834 79

and 14 Bags U S Assay

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and

will thank you to remit us as usual, a check
for an approximate amount on account by return
mail to our order, but in case of the Bk of New York
through which Bk we forward it - or directly to
the order of the Bk of NY as you
may prefer.

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

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New York
July 7. 1879

Handy & Cronin

Forwarded by Express
102,838⁷⁹ ors, fine
silver, in full of sale
to Director July 2/79

Rec^d July 8th 1879.

203 Kansas Avenue,
Topeka, Kas., July 7, 1879

To the authorities of the
United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen,

I send you, by same mail, a
gold chain, which I respectfully ask you to
appraise, and to send me its value as soon as
you can, by P.O. or any other your accustomed
way.

If there should be a necessary
delay of a day or two before you send ^{the} cash, will
you kindly drop me a p.c. announcing
your receipt of parcel.

And Trust

Yours Truly,
Henry G. Taylor,
Attorney at Law.

W 9/12

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Topeka, Kansas

July 7/79

Henry G. Taylor

Sends gold
chain, and
wants its value

Rec^d July 10th, 1899.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 12 1879

Assay of a gold chain, from
Henry G. Taylor, Topeka, Kansas,
(through the Superintendent.)

Fineness ^{thous} 391. equal to $9\frac{12}{32}$ Karats.

Weight before melting, 1.47 oz.

The value will be about \$11.80,
from which 1.00 must be deducted
for assay.

W E DeBor's
Assayer

147
1323
441

57477
2067

402339
344862

114954

1188049

AGENCY
OF
The Bank of California.

Office of Laidlaw & Co.

12 PINE STREET

New York July 3^d 1879

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Sir

On July 2^d we sold
the U. S. Government Fifteen thousand
ounces silver at \$1.¹⁴/₁₀₀ per ounce
and it will be forwarded to
you by Messrs E. Balbach Son of
Newark, N. J for our account

Yours truly
Laidlaw & Co

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New York
July 3/79.

Said-law & Co.

15,000 ozs Silver
Sold to the U. S. 2^d
July 1/79 @ \$1¹⁴ with
to be delivered by
E. Walbach & Son,
Newark N.J.

Rec^d July 8th 1879.

First National Bank of Angelica.

Angelica, N. Y.,

July 3 1879.

United States Mint
at Philadelphia

I enclose my draft on Federal
National Bank of New York
for one thousand dollars for
which please send me \$1000. in
half dollars by Express.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Robinson
Cash

377

Angelica N.Y.
July 3/79

J. E. Robinson, Esq.

Enclosed draft
in N.Y. \$1000.
for 1/4 dollar

cheque returned

Rec^d July 5th 1879

NEW YORK,

July 3^d 1879

Hon.
A. Loudon Snowden
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have sold to the Director of the Mint, for delivery at Phila., twenty thous. and ounces silver at $114\frac{42}{100}$ cents per ounce.

We will forward the silver on Monday July 7. -. The Adams Ex. Co. declines to receive bullion for the mint until then.

Very Respectfully
Jas. B. Colgate & Co
per J. H. H. Newslage

376

New York
July 3/79

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

Sale to the Gov't
of 20000 oz fine
silver @ 114.42
Will forward to
July 7.

Rec^d July 5th, 1879.

Wm. B. Bement & Son,

MACHINISTS TOOLS

Machine Shop Foundry Smith Shop and Boiler Shop

EQUIPMENTS

Industrial Works,

Cor. 21st. & Callowhill Sts.

Wm. B. Bement. Clarence J. Bement.

Philadelphia July 3^d 1879.

J. L. Le Conte. Esq.
Chief Clerk U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.

We are in receipt of your valued order # 99. under date of June 27th, for -
1. 16 in. Screw Cutting Engine lathe, (for both turning and screw cutting) bed 9 ft. long -
- which will be put in hand at once.
With thanks, we are,

Yours very respectfully

Wm. B. Bement & Son.

380

Philadelphia Pa
July 3/79

Wm B. Beament & Son

Ack'd rec'd of order
for 1-16 in Screws
Cutting Engine lathe

Rec^d July 5, 1879.

First National Bank of Orwell.

CAPITAL,	\$100,000.
SURPLUS,	\$100,000.

Orwell, Vt. July 2 1879

Esq., Cashier,

Sir

Dear Sir:

I enclose \$1000.00 for which please send me by National Express Standard Silver Dollars & oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
C. E. Bush

To the Director
of the U.S. Mint
at Philadelphia

375

Orwell, Vt
July 2, 1879

A. E. Bush Co.

Enclosing draft
on N.Y. for \$1000. for
ATA Silver dollars.

Cheque returned.

Rec^d July 5th 1879

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/July

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/July (CONT.)

The Rutland County National Bank

Capital \$200,000.

W. G. W. Riple, Pres.

Henry F. Field, Cashier

Rutland, Vt.

July 16th 1879

Capt N. S. Whit

Esq. Cashier.

Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the

is received with enclosure as stated

Respectfully Yours,

Henry F. Field, Cashier.

by

I enclose for subsidiary and minor coin
 as per schedule below, my draft
 on Importers & Traders Nat Bank for \$500.
 When fair please send
 or by early express,

10 Cent Silver Coin	300.
5 " Nickel "	100.
2 " " "	50.
1. " " "	50.

Draft returned

July 31/79

725

Rutland, Vt.
July 26. 1879

Henry B. Field
Ct.

Enclosing draft
on N. Y. for \$500.
for sub. Silas &
Anna Com.

July 28. 1879

490

mess. U. S.
Washington D.C.
July 26/79

Gen. Gilfillan

Enclosing draft
partly & repaying bal-
ance of \$6,465⁴¹.

Rec^d July 28th, 1879.

or 50000. recd on 25th
PARKER HANDY. and Check in full sent on 26th inst —

J.S. CRONISE.

or 50000 recd on 26th
and Check sent on same day

DEALERS IN infants

BULLION & SPECIE.

Banking House
OF

HANDY & CRONISE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 26 1879

28/29
@ 7/28/29

Mr. L. Leante Esq
ad^r Capt &c Phil - pa
N.Y.

What you 9th inst
and in reply beg to say that the receipt
for \$229. 54 1/2 you 21st inst were duly
received. Signed and enclosed in a
letter 9th inst. This letter may have
been misdirected or have miscarried
but we think cannot fail to "turn up".
If however you wish us to sign other
two will be so of course

Very truly
Hansy Cronise

Wret not to have recd all
"inst" from you by this morning
week and wonder that you
should be so unwilling to accommodate us in this respect.

New York
July 26/79

Handy & Cronin

Receipt for
\$229.547.90
Signed & returned
& must have this
said.

to
to
to

Rec'd July 28th 1879.

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The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, June 28, 1880.

Hon. A. London Snowden

Superintendent &c &c

Sir

I respectfully ask leave
of absence for a week or ten days, from Wednesday
the 30th.

Very respectfully
Yours obt^l serv^t

W. Edwin Boies

Assayer

P. S. I expect to be within an hour
of the city; & letters sent to W. L.
DuBois will reach me.

590

W. E. Duffoi,

Assayer

June 28/80

Request leave
of absence for a
week or ten days
from the 30th inst.

Rec- June 28th 1880.

Naval Observatory

Washington, D. C.,

July 28 1879.

Hon. Mr. Snowden
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

Professor Geo. F. Parker, of
the Univ. of Pennsylvania, having
requested permission of the Superin-
tendent of the Naval Observatory
to use the dies with which the
medal given to Dr. Draper by the
Transit of Venus Commission, for
a specimen of mint work in the
metal aluminium, I have the
honor to say that there is no
objection on the part of the
Observatory to the use of the

dies for the purpose named
and that the Observatory
will be pleased if you can
furnish to the Professor the
specimen desired. -

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt servant,
C. Ingersoll,
Lieut. U.S. Navy,
Senior officer present.

Naval Observatory
Washington D.C.
July 30. 1879.

D. Longnecker
(Lieut. U. S. Navy
Sen. officer in charge)

Permitting Prof.
Geo. F. Barker, to have
specimen of the medal
granted to Dr. Deapen
by the transit of Venus
commission.

Rec^d July 30th, 1879.

I N V O I C E

Of Fine Silver shipped to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
 on the 28 day of July, 1879, by Laidlaw & Co
 of New York on account of a sale made to the Director of
 the Mint, on the 21 day of July, 1879, at the rate of
\$1.1294 cents per ounce fine, payable by check of the Superintendent of
 the Mint on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, in Standard Silver
 Dollars.

NO. OF BAR.	WEIGHT—OUNCES.	FINENESS.
9094	1094.35	999
95	1100.90	"
96	1061.00	"
97	1077.80	"
98	1075.85	"
99	1090.10	"
9100	1107.80	"
9101	1095.40	"
9102	1083.70	"
9103	1075.90	"
9104	1099.10	"
9105	1063.00	"
9106	1109.60	"
9107	1099.90	"
9108	1110.80	"
9109	1088.05	"
9110	1058.06	"
9111	1088.40	"
9112	1071.15	"
	<u>20.650.80</u>	999

Ed. B. Bach & Son
Berg. H. Interleiter.

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INVOICE

OF

FINE SILVER

FROM

Saidlaw & Co.

OF

New York

the 28 day of July, 1879

on account of sale made to the Director of

the Mint, the 24 day of July

1879, at 1.1294 cents per ounce fine.

per E. Balbach & Son
Newark N. J.

Rec^d July 30th 1879.

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 28th 1879

London London & Co
Supy Mint Phila & Co
Stn.

We have y^r favor of the inst^d
addressing y^r Ck # 4184 for 112.760 I & Dm

and
when here the recpts, duplicates, signed.

Have the missing recpt^s of
last week yet reached you? Our Ck, who
put up the letters on that day, says he is clean
that they were enclosed to y^r ad^r Dep, Phila.

Very Respy

Henry Cronise

OK
S.P.

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New York

July 28/79

Handy & Cronin

Enclosing receipts
for check \$112,760.54

Enquiries & last
receipts have come
to hand.

Handy & Cronin

Rec'd July 29th 1879.

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New York
July 28/79

Molten & Danenport

Enclosing
receipts for
check \$50,966.45

Recd July 29/79

Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in

STOCKS, BONDS &c.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York July 2nd 1877

Hon. A. L. Gordon
Super. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

Your favor of 20th inst
relating check on. Yr
Acct. N. Y. for \$50.00. 45
U. S. Standard P. Dollars

Payment in full for
Bullion sent 24th inst
has been received
with thanks.

The Ladies Receipt
is Implicit and
demands I trust.

Yours very respectfully

John Langdon.

Rec^d July 29th 1879.

White, Morris & Co.

Bankers,

No. 18 WALL STREET

New York, July 28th 1879

A London & Seward

Director of the Mint

Dear Sir

We herewith acknowledge

Receipt of ck to 7188 for Sixteen
thousand nine hundred fifty two ³⁴/₁₀₀
dollars in payment. Silver Million and
Enclose forms signed \$/6952 ³⁴/₁₀₀

OK JH

Very Respy Yrs
John Morris & Co
Sewards

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New York

July 28/79

White, Morris & Co.

Enclosing receipt
for \$16,952.37.

Recd July 29th 1879.

No 332
First National Bank of Chester,

Chester, Pa., July 29 1879

Wm. S. Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint Phila
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find
my Draft No 3952 on Corn Exchange
National Bank of Phila. to your order
for Three thousand Dollars for which
when collected, please send me Silver
Coin as follows:

by \$1500 in $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar pieces
1000 in $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
500 in Dimes "

If you can send them
so that I can have them in Bank
by Friday, next you will confer a
great favor

Very Respectfully Yours &c
W. Taylor

474

Chester, Pa.,
July 29/79

Wm. Taylor Esq

Enclosing
draft of \$3,000.00 for
Subsidiary Silver
Coin.

Recd July 30th, 1879.

MM

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, July 29, 1879.

Sir:

On the 15th instant I forwarded
to your address by Reg. Mail, a package con-
taining \$33. in mutilated silver pieces, and
requesting that the bullion value thereof
when ascertained, be placed to my credit with
the Asst. Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia.

Having received no returns for
the same I will thank you to advise as
to what disposition was made of the remittance,
if received.

Very respectfully,

La. S. S. S.

Treasurer U. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

507.

Treasurer, U. S.
Washington D. C.
July 29. 1879

Jas. Gilfillan

Wants return
for \$33. in mutilated
silver coins, sent July
15, by registered mail.

C/O \$27.30 mailed
July 29/79

Rec^d July 31st 1879.

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Rec July 31st 1879

Philadelphia Depot of the O. M. Department,

Philadelphia, July 29th 1879

A. Louden Snowden Esq/
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir -

In answer to your inquiry
of the 28th inst, you are respectfully informed that
I am not authorized to issue you a Day for
use at the Mint.

I can probably (if you desire it) procure
one for you from the manufacturers at Contract
price. I will give my pleasure to serve you in the matter.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servant
John F. Ryder

Capt & Insp U.S.A.

1275
Post of 2nd. Dept
Philadelphia
July 29/79

John F. Rodgers
Capt & U. S. M. War Dept

Not authorized to
furnish a flag to the
allint. Could prob-
ably purchase one
at manufacturing
contract price.

Recd July 30th, 1879.

New York
July 29/79

Handy & Son

Glad missing
receipts have come
to hand.

Thanks for
full payments.

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Rec^d July 30th, 1879.

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DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York July 29 1899

My dear Mr. Cronise
Sup. Mint Phila Pa
Pa

We are glad to hear that the missing receipts have been received since your letter was sent us in regard to them. Your prompt return on the two shipments as a whole - we have every disposition to acknowledge (and thank Mr. Myer for) and had we supposed that full returns would have been made on the whole on the day of receipt of the recent lot we would certainly not have found fault with not having received all on a/c of the 1st lot, by return mail so that two days interest on it might be saved.

The truth is that the competition, just now, in Bullion is so keen as to make profits in dealing very trifling that even the item of interest for a day or two becomes a legitimate matter for watchfulness. It is this & not that we wish to carp, or find fault, we beg you to believe, that led us to write as we did.

Very truly

Handy & Cronise

BENJ. F. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT.

CAPITAL, \$100,000.

D. M. C. STEDMAN, CASHIER.

Incorporated 1833.

Re-Organized 1863.

Wakefield National Bank.

No. 1206.

Wakefield, R. I., July 30 1879

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you
my Ch. on Am. Ex. Natl.
Bank, New York, \$500.
for which please send
\$500. in Half Dollars.

Yours Very Truly

D. M. C. Stedman
Cash

Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Draft Returned July 31/79 7KV

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Wakefield, R.I.

July 30/79

J. M. L. Steadman
Cm.

Enclosing check
for N.Y. \$500.
in $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars.

Rec'd July 31. 1879

Philada. July 16th, 1879.

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden
Supt. of the Mint;

Dear Sir:

In pursuance with your orders we submit the following report of the condition of the Machinery before and after the repairs, upon a careful examination of the large double cylinder or steuple Engine which drives the Rolling Room we found to be in very bad condition, the cylinders having worn to various diameters, pistons and packing rings absolutely worn out, valve rods in very bad condition, governor so badly worn, giving it considerable lock motion, it was absolutely necessary to rebuild the same, many other parts had to be put in perfect order. Had we have done all the required repairs to this Engine it would have consumed about 3 weeks more time, but as you limited us in time, we did as many of these repairs as it was possible to do. It is beyond any question of doubt that this Engine must be replaced

by one of more power, and that very soon, from the fact that the Chief Engineer McGinnis brought to the notice of our Mr. Orr the existence of cracks in the 2 steam and 2 exhaust ports which are liable to give out at any moment. The bed plate being enormously heavy is the sole cause of the fracture and cannot be repaired without taking the whole Engine down, which would cause considerable expenses. This Engine has not been repaired for 12 years. It was also necessary to put in new 6" wrought iron exhaust pipe and a new 6" valve so as to shut off the exhaust steam from the other Engines, as they all exhaust through the same Header.

No 3. Engine which drives the Coining Room we found necessary to put in a new valve of Mossop's patent balance, also a new steam chest cover, alter valve rigging, place a patent lubricator on the cylinder, nickel plated oil cups on guides, also to lag the driving pulley with leather so as to avoid all slippage of belts. This Engine is now in good condition.

It was necessary to thoroughly overhaul the two Steam Pumps, bore out cylinders put in new pistons, new stop valve and alter pipes to connect the same.

The old Engine in the basement which did the work of the Cutting Dept. Crushing & Sweet Rooms and Hoisting Machine, had to be removed with all the long pipes, steam & exhaust for same in order to make room for the brick pier, plates, pedestal, shaft, and pulleys for countershaft of No 2.

Engine, said pulleys had to be lagged with leather. This portion is now driven by No 2. Engine which is in good condition.

All the screw valves throughout the Building were worn out & have been partially replaced & repaired, these valves embrace all the shut off valves on the Boilers and for the steam heating of the Building. Two of the Milling Machines are liberally worn out, one has been thoroughly repaired and the other is being repaired.

The Shearing Machine for stripes was in bad condition and had to be repaired.

The Draw Bench also.

The Boilers were thoroughly picked, cleaned and inspected and are now in good condition.

We consider the Machinery prior to the
repairs was in very bad condition,
liable to break down at any time
and stop the Coinage, and even now
there is a great deal of work, that
should be done to guard against
possibility of serious stoppages

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. Hesse & Morgan

Wm. Hesse & Morgan
Chicago Ill

July 16/79

Repair upon the
condition of the
machinery of the
mint, before &
also the recent
repairs.

Recd July 17th, 1879.

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, July 1st 1879.

Hon A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent
Sir:

I have the honor to
enclose statement of my account as Coiner,
with the Superintendent, made on June 30th 1879.

Very Respectfully
Your O^bt Servant
O. C. Bosbyshell
Coiner

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U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
July 1. 1879

O. C. Bosbyshell
Coiner

Enclosing statement
of his account with
the Mint, made 30th
June 1879.

Rec^d July 2nd 1879.

400

Washington Pa

July 2, 1879

(Telegram)

Hon. A. London Snowden

To
Dr. John L. De Coule
Acting Supr U.S. Mint

Tell Armstrong
all rights will be
made Saturday.

Recd. July 2nd 1879.

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of **Unrepeated Messages**.

This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Washington Pa July 2 1879

Received at N. W. Corner 10th and Chestnut Streets.

To Dr John L. Coate

Acbg Supt United States
Mint Phila Pa

Say to Armstrong all
right will be home

Saturday morning

Frederick Norden

24 Collect Post r

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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C

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

July 1st 1879.Statement in Settlement of the Coiner's Account made with the Superintendent, June 30th 1879.Balance Gold due Superintendent, per his and Coiner's Ledgers ^{ozs} 1.925 619

Delivered in Settlement

Coin, Planchets, Fine Gold &c

^{ozs} 843 599

Filings - melted into bars

1.019 421

Sweep - 1257 lbs.

464 20

1.909 440

Wastage.

^{ozs} 16 179

Amount of Gold operated upon.	Allowance.	Actual Wastage.	Percentage of Wastage as to Allowance.	Proportion of wastage to each ounce worked.
^{ozs} 1.469.591 290	^{ozs} 734 795	^{ozs} 16 179	22/1000 ^{ths}	.000011

Loss in working, as per Coiner's Work Book

^{ozs} 77 510

" " melting and refining Gold filings

18 110

Total loss

^{ozs} 95 620

Wastage as per Settlement

16 179

Showing gain in Vault Account

^{ozs} 79 441

Silver.

Balance due Superintendent, per his and Coine's Ledger ^{ols} 26.204 90

Delivered in Settlement

Coin, Fine Silver, Proof Sets &c ^{ols} 21.300 71

Filings - melted into bars ^{ols} 4.074 05

Not melted 68 00 4.145 05

Sweep - 1215 lbs. 566 57 26.012 33

Wastage ^{ols} 192 57

Amount of Silver operated upon.	Allowance.	Actual Wastage.	Percentage of Wastage as to Allowance.	Proportion of Wastage to each ounce worked.
^{ols} 21.591.119 12	^{ols} 21.591 12	^{ols} 192 57	9/1000 ^{ths}	.000009

Loss in working, as per Coine's Work Book ^{ols} 2.449 80

" " melting and refining Silver Filings 154 60

Total loss ^{ols} 2.604 40

Wastage, as per Settlement 192 57

Showing gain in Vault Account ^{ols} 2.411 83

Recapitulation.

Bullion	Amount operated upon.		Allowance.		Actual Wastage.		Percentage of Wastage as to Allowance.	Proportion of Wastage to each ounce worked.
	Ounces. dec	Value.	Ounces. dec	Value.	Ounces. dec	Value.		
Gold	1.469.59129	\$ 27.341.23330	734.795	\$ 13.670.60	16.179	\$ 301.00	.022	.000011
Silver	21.591.11912	26.988.89890	21.591.112	26.988.89	192.57	240.71	.009	.000009
Total	23.060.71041	\$ 54.330.13220	22.325.915	\$ 40.659.49	208.749	\$ 541.71	.009	.000009

Base Coinage Account.

Five Cent Nickel. Balance due Superintendent ^{ols} 450.40
 Delivered to Superintendent 450.40

Three Cent Nickel. Balance due Superintendent ^{ols} 369.50
 Delivered to Superintendent. 369.50

One Cent Bronze. Balance due Superintendent ^{ols} 3157.30
 Delivered to Superintendent. 3157.30

O. C. Porbyshell.
 Coiner.

401 1/2

O. C. Baskyshele
Comer

July 1. 1879

Statement in settle-
ment of the former's
account made
with the Superintendent
June 30. 1879.

Rec^d July 2nd. 1879.

Second Quarter of 1879.

Assayer's Quarterly Statement and Settlement, of Moneys received for Assays of Ores, Plate, Samples &c. not deposited.

April 2.	J. W. Downey, Wyoming Terr.	\$ 1.50
5	J. H. Moseley, New Castle, Del.	3. -
5	Consul Thornton, Aspinwall, S. Am.	12. -
7	E. A. Cortin, Arizona	3. -
25	Simons, Bro. & Co. Philad ^a	2. -
28	E. H. Harmon, Annapolis Md.	3. -
28	Maj. C. S. Withenill, Ft. Lyon, Col.	5. -
May 3	J. Welf, Cleveland, Ohio	2. -
14	Robert Scott, Phil ^a	1. -
26	G. W. Ross, Knoxville, Tenn.	5. -
June 6	J. P. Fletcher, Illinois	3. -
6	G. H. M. Barnett, Rockport, Maine	3. -
17	Carrow Bishop & Co. Phil ^a	1. -
18	H. B. Wellman, Catlettsburg, Ky.	5. -
24	Carrow Bishop & Co. Phil ^a	1. -
26	Same	1. -
30	Geo. E. Coolidge, Phil ^a	1.50

\$ 53. -

W. E. Dubois
Assayer

July 7. 1879 Received from the Assayer,
fifty three dollars, as above.

Brown & Mordue
Supts

\$ 53. -

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W. E. DuBois

Assays

July 7. 1879

Statement of
Monies received
for assays of ores
during quarter
ending June 30. 1879

Filed July 7. 1879

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 2nd, 1879.

Sir,

In completion of my report of 15th inst. on the experiments to ascertain the effect of melting silver in cast steel crucibles, I have the honor to state:

That at my request Mr. William Sellers placed a small steel crucible containing copper, in the riveting furnace, which I then indicated as probably the best suited for Mint Metallurgy, & found that the copper was completely melted after somewhat more than $\frac{1}{2}$ hour's exposure.

Two pieces of bar steel were then placed in the furnace, which is fired only in the day time, like the furnaces of the Mint. These pieces were withdrawn after 7 days exposure, & after removal of the scale, & measurement, one was replaced, & finally withdrawn after $3\frac{1}{2}$ days.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

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Superintendent.

Subject:

No. of Enclosures,

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

, 18

During the 1st exposure the loss in size was as follows:
Piece No. 1. from .76" $\square$ to .59" $\square$, & in length from $2\frac{29}{32}$ " to $2\frac{20}{32}$ "
" " 2 " .74" $\square$ to .55" $\square$ " " " $2\frac{29}{32}$ " to $2\frac{20}{32}$ "

Exposure 192 hours; furnace in blast $78^{\circ}10^m$.

During the 2nd exposure Piece No. 1 was reduced
from .59" $\square$ to .51" $\square$ & in length from $2\frac{5}{8}$ " to $2\frac{54}{8}$ "

Exposure $71^h 45^m$; furnace in blast $44^h 45^m$.

It will be noticed that these pieces were exposed to
a much more severe test than could occur in any pro-
cess to which a crucible could be subjected.

They were long narrow pieces exposed to the flame on
all sides, while only the outer surface of the crucible would
be in the flame. One half the diminution in length of
the pieces experimented on would therefore be a fair
approximation to the average waste in thickness of
a crucible.

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Mr. Sellers informs me that the cost of cast steel crucibles finished & ready for use would be 12 cents per lb. & from the data we have obtained he thinks that they would last about 4 weeks. The economy in labor would probably much more than balance any increase of cost of steel crucibles over the black lead pots now in use, but upon this point I can offer no conclusions, as the expenses of the two methods of melting have not yet been estimated.

To sum up the results of the experiments in a few words:

1. Furnaces of the Siemens & Ponsard systems are not applicable to Mint Metallurgy on account of the extremely high temperature produced.
2. Silver may be melted & kept in a steel crucible for several hours at a very high temperature, without

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dissolving any appreciable quantity of iron.

3. The riveting furnace gives heat amply sufficient to melt copper, which is less fusible than gold & silver.

4. The waste of a cast-steel crucible of proper thickness would not be excessive in a riveting furnace. & will probably be more than paid for by saving of time labor & fuel.

5. The cast-steel crucibles should be made of considerable thickness, say $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, in order to obviate the necessity of replacing them frequently.

Mr. Sellers informs me that in about 10 days he will be ready to submit some estimates upon which definite calculations of expense may be made.

Col. A. Gordon Snowden.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Very respectfully yours,

John L. LeBonte.
Chief Clerk.

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AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 2nd, 1879.

John L. Lebon

Chief Clerk. ~~Superintendent.~~

Subject: Final report on
experiments of melting
silver in cast-steel cru-
cibles, & effects of long
continued furnace heat
upon steel.

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Rec^d June 2nd 1879.

Salvor 36 melts away
6 used in 4 days

Pennsylvania Crucible Works,

ROSS, HOFERKAMP & LAWSON,

Nos. 1438 to 1444 NORTH SIXTH STREET,

Philadelphia, May 10 1879

Prof Booth

U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Your favor ordering
100 dipping cups is duly
to hand and will become
our immediate attention.

Yours Very Truly
Ross, Hoferkamp & Lawson

6th May 9

Mess. Ross, Hoferkamp & Dawson
1438 N. 6th St.

Dear Sirs,

We need some Black lead
melting cups at the Mint, of which the form
& dimensions can be obtained from the Fore-
man of the Deposit Melting Room.

Will you make us a few of these in order
that we may form an estimate of the quality
& price of the ware, say a dozen.?

Respectfully yours
S. H. Booth

118 May 9

Mess. Ross, Hefkamp & Dawson
1438-44 N. 16th St.

Dear Sirs

By your favor of yesterday,
you appear to suppose that the cups we
want are ordinary Dipping cups. A
reference to the Order will show that they
are Melting cups of a peculiar form
which must be obtained here of the
foreman of the Deposit melting Room
no others are wanted.

Respectfully yours
A. Booth

Flou. A. Loudon Snowden
Suptdt.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

3rd June —, 1879.

Sir,

We ordered melting cups of a special form, on 6th May, of the 3 good makers of black lead ware in Phil^a, asking a dozen of each maker for trial. Two sets are passable, altho' Taylor's appear to be best adapted to use, as our melters think, but the 3^d set from Ross, &c are so entirely at variance with sample, that I do not know what to do with them. I submit to you the 3 letters bearing on the subject, & then if you will look at Cup of Ross, &c. you will perceive how wide the deviation from a very explicit order.

I have to report that we almost wholly destitute of N^o 70 melting Pots, & that at a venture we tried some of Newcumet's make. Another broke through this morning spilling the silver over gratebars & through ashes. On these, of which the late Suptdt. thought it his duty to order 100 or more, I can only express the opinion, which every melter in the Mint, that has tried them, will echo, that they

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they ought not to be used for gold or silver. I gave orders to use them for melting bronze only, but need obliged us to use some of them to the jeopardy of my accounts.

If you are desirous to try the other 3 firms I suggest that each of them be requested to make some 50 No-70's. In the mean time I would like to order some 50 of Robert Taylor & Co. already made, as we are sadly in need of some good pots, and with our present business of bronze, silver & gold, have not time to give to recovering the waste of breaking concibles, apart from the danger or rather certainty of loss by fracture.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 3., 1879.

Geo. B. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Reports defective
melting cups from
Bass, Hopkirk & Dawson;
ditto No. 70 melting pots
from Neukumel; & con-
sequent loss & delay.

Wishes to order 50
No. 70's, ready made,
from Robt Taylor & Co.

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Recd June 2nd, 1879.

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia,

July 5th 1879.

Wm A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent
Sir:

I have the honor to enclose
herewith, reports for the 2nd quarter 1879. To-wit:

Fine Gold and Silver Bullion used in the manufacture of medals.
Fine " medals of a National Character.
Fine Silver " " " "
Gold and Silver Proof Coin.
Copper, bronze, medals of a National Character.
Copper used in the manufacture of bronze medals.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
O. B. Byrdell
Coiner

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O. C. Crosbyshell
Cairn

July 5. 1879

Enclosing Sir
Medal and May Coin
Reports for 2^d Quarter 1879

Rec^d July 8th, 1879.

Mint of the United States,

~~CHIEF~~ COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia,

July 8th 1879.

Hon A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Sir:

I have the honor
to enclose herewith, a report of the Supplies
on hand in this Department at the
end of the Fiscal Year June 30th 1879.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
O. B. Byrshell
Coiner

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O. C. Bosbyshere
Jul 8/79

Enclosing report
Supplies on hand
June 30, 1879.

Rec^d July 8th 1879.

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AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department,

July 5th, 1879

Mr. Gordon Snowden,

Dept. of

Sir,

The ingots cast at 10⁰⁰ A.M.
were rolled down to dollar thickness
without any annealing, and one
ingot was rolled to dime thickness
without annealing.

The metal improved $\frac{1}{4}$ thousandth
in fineness and lost but .35 of an oz.

I enclose a memo of expenses

I am

Very Respectfully,

A. C. Underbrink

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Essay Department
July 8/80

A. E. Outerbridge Jr

Edgmon Ingots
rolled to 60 lb and
dime thick Knaps, without
annealing; improved
by the process.

Rec July 8/80

Mint of the United States
AT PHILADELPHIA.

July 10th 1879.

The Superintendent of the Mint

To the Coiner Dr

To one (1) milled Silver planchet

Subsidiary coin value .875

Received Payment
O. B. Babcock
Coiner

C. C. Basbyshell
 Cairnes
 July 10. 1879

Receipted tile 87¢
 for 1 milled silver
 planchets.

Rec^d July 10th, 1879.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

July 10th 1879.

Wm. A. Landon Snowden
 Superintendent -
 Sir,

I have the honor to request permission to order the following articles, to replace those that are worn out, and broken, to wit:-

One and a half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) doz. Adjusting Chairs - Adjusting Room -

One (1) doz. Windsor Chairs " "

Five (5) high cane seat chairs for Presses - Corning "

Six (6) low cane seat chairs " "

One (1) Cane seat Chair for Selecting Table " "

Four (4) stools for Mills " "

One (1) Marble Wash basin " "

Four (4) Walnut Chairs Coiners' Office

Two (2) stools " "

Very Respectfully Your Servant

W. B. Dobyshell Coiner

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O. L. Basbyshale
Comer
July 10/79

Asks permission
to procure chairs
to for the sitting
& Coining room

Recd July 11th 1879.

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

11th July — 1879

Sir,

We shall need coal tomorrow for melting, and within a short time charcoal for kindling (pine knot), and oak coal for melting deposits.

We shall soon need aqua fortis for cleaning bronze coin, nitric & sulphuric acids for refining.

We shall soon be out of black lead crucibles for melting gold & silver, and some time should be allowed to make them, in order to insure a better quality, say two or three weeks at least. I have not heard whether the sample sets of 50 each by 3 makers have been ordered.

Shall I order the melting coal from

Bro. ? Very
wonder
int

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July 11/79

Jas. C. Boothe

MSK

Will send you
coal, charcoal, acids,
and Black lead
cucible, Engraving
about ready them

Mr. J. C. Boothe
Hon. A. Gordon
Superintendent

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AT PHILADELPHIA.

July 10th 1879.

Wm. A. Landon Howden
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to state that Messrs. Stuthers & Son, agree to furnish Three (3) marble slabs, each 9 ft 4 in. X 4 feet X 2 inches, for the tables in the Adjusting Room, nicely finished, for the sum of Two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.) - if polished Two hundred and sixty dollars (\$260). and a marble slab for the receiving table for \$22 - if polished \$30.

They agree to have these here by the 1st of August next.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
O. B. Berbyshell
Coiner.

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W. C. Bushyshell
Comer
July 10/79

Proposal of
Struthers & Sons to
furnish marble
table slabs for
Adjoining Room.

Recd July 11th, 1879.

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

NORWIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Long Branch N.J. July 11 1879

Received at

To Dr John L DeCombe

United States Mint
Phila

I will be at the Mint Early
on Monday Nothing need be done
until my return

A L Snowden
Supt

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

28 Coll 28 Govt Rate
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Long Branch N.J.
July 11/79

(Telegram)

A. L. Snowden

To
Dr. Mrs. L. Le Conte

Will be at about
Early evening morning.
Nothing need
be done in the mean
time

July 12th, 1879.

Mint of the U. S. States at Phil^a
M. & R. Dep^t

14 July - 1879

Sir

I regret to report to you that some of the large lot of fine silver bars lately received by us consists of a spongy kind of silver, easily abraded in handling. I believe from former experience that it is of excellent quality, when melted, but it seems to me to have been poured into sand moulds, at a very high heat, which always induces sponginess, & it is rather to draw the attention of the shippers of bullion to the losses to which they are liable from handling such silver.

The worst of the kind which I have seen were of the lot of Mess. Handy & Cronise, received by us on the 8th July, & were marked on the bars 1802, 1803, 1678-1672 (7 bars) which weighed by Invoice 10,330.15 oz. but when we received it, 10,320.70 oz. Our Phil^a Nos are 838-844.

We gathered up the larger & more important grains

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Melter and Refiner.

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around the balance, while weighing these bars, and found them to be about $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce. But the street car in which they were brought, & the whole route from the car to the weigh room was bespangled with small flakes of fine silver. Finding the weight nearly 10 oz. short of the Invoice weight, each of the 7 bars showed over an ounce deficiency, when weighed singly.

Of course Mr H. S. Cochran will make allowance for this loss, but it appears to me proper that the Shippers should be apprized of it.

Very respectfully yours

L C Booth

M & R

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

July 14th, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Reports Spangly
Character of Silver
bars recently recd,
fairly abraded in hand-
ling, to the left of the
striking

The last silver from
Hendy & Brown, recd
both from Omaha, &
Louis & Bona Refinery
is worse yet. See.

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Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

July 14th 1879.

Wm. A. Snowden,
Superintendent.

Sir:

I have the honor to
inform you of the death, on Friday evening
last, 11th inst., of Mrs. Maggie Wilkey,
an Adjuster in this Department of the
Mint.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

W. B. Bosbyshell

Cozier.

Noted 7/14/79
JPL

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C. C. Bosbyshell
Cord

July 14/79

Announcing the
death - July 11 - of
Mrs. Maggie Wilkey
an Adjutant.

Recd July 14th, 1879.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 16th July - 1879

Sir,

Permit me to draw your attention to the late employment of my men for aiding in cleaning the boilers, not so much for finding fault with what is past as to take wisdom for the future. Knowing that only able-bodied men could endure the heat, I excluded the older & feebler men, and detailed the rest for the boiler work. The whole set of detailed men of both sides of the Mint were arranged in several gangs, to work the usual amount of 8 hours in the day, each gang 20 minutes at a time in the boilers.

I here remark that experience has shown that where men are working in mines or drifts, with the thermometer over 110° F., it is found necessary to allow them to work only 5 minutes at a time, in order to keep them in perfect health. As our work was to be kept up for only 8 hours each day, & during some 8 or 10 days,

{ Hon. A. Loudon Snowden. }
{ Suptd. }
{ }

It seems to me that a 10 minutes shift would be as much as would be just & proper for the men, Besides this experience of others, the late experience showed that 20 minutes was too long a period, for several were so severely handled by the length of exposure, that they are at this moment unfit for work, altho struggling through their task.

I am sorry to complain of one thing. The order was that one set of men should stay in 20 minutes, & that the next gang should inform them of the lapse of time, so that these last might take the place of the former. It thus happened, not once, nor twice, but often, to our men, that the next gang did not give them notice for 30 minutes, & the consequence was that more than one of my men came near to fainting, & one had to be hauled ^{out} ~~having~~ ^{no} inherent strength left. Whoever gave the order for such replacement, had a much stronger confidence in human nature, than I have; I believe it came from Mr Greer, who I am sure intended all right by the arrangement, but was a little too trusting in the men.

{ Hon. A. Loudon Snowden }
 { 7/16-79 Suptdt }
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As the best men seemed to be needed for the boiler-work, I named 12, six of whom were my melters; yet in spite of their strength several are enfeebled, too much to work, & yet all are at work, save one, struggling manfully to do their duty. Through all the severe work, I never heard a single growl, or fault finding with the requisition for work. One melter, not quite as strong, lost two melts on Saturday, condemned for not being sufficiently mixed; & possibly the accident, which then happened to him, may have been partly caused by his want of ability to work actively. While extinguishing his fire mitts, which often take fire in the hurry of melting & casting, a little more water than usual must have been dipped up by them, so that in handling a stirrer or dipper over the pot of melted metal, the water fell into the latter, when it exploded, & blew the whole pot of melted metal through the whole melting room, leaving scarcely a sherd of the melting pot to be seen. The melter, Moore, barely escaped with his life, but was badly burned; & when he reported yesterday for duty, I found his desire to fulfil duty far beyond his ability & sent him home at once to consult a surgeon.

{ Hon. A. Loudon Snowden }
 { 7/16-79 Suptdt. }

H.

We gathered up all the grains we could find in the room,
4 the remainder, several hundred ounces, will gradually be
collected from floor, fuel, wood work, &c. &c. in course of time

As the thermometer, beginning at 78° on our high
grounds near Bryn Mawr, gives promise (it is now fulfilling
it) of reaching 95° at least, I respectfully solicit that
my men be required to make only 24 melts instead of
the usual 30 melts, I am sure I can vouch for their ma-
king up the loss in this month, if it should prove necessary.

Very respectfully yours

J. H. Booth

M. & R.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

July 16, 1879
Mr. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

Reports that the
men are required
to work too long
at a time in
cleaning the boiler.

In See Jno. A. Grier
Genl. Dept. No.

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Received July 16th, 1879.

U. S. Min^r. Phila.

July 17. 1879

Hon. A. London Snowden,

Superintendent U. S. Min^r,

Dear Sir,

Having carefully

read Professor Booth's report in regard to the treatment of the men employed in cleaning our boilers and as by order of Mr. McGinnis I had special charge of these men in this work, I would most respectfully report that there seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of Professor Booth concerning this work.

I repeatedly gave distinct instructions to the men not to pay any attention, to the time by the clock, when they were in the boilers, but to come out at once when they felt themselves being overcome by the heat or work. I told them that they must be the judges of this matter themselves as no one wanted the health of a single man injured.

As you are very well aware the work is unhealthy, nasty, hot and disagreeable and as much the circumstances meant all of the men were unused to it I did not push the job at all by discipline and orders, but simply coaxed it through. I did my best however to get each man to take a fair share of it, and detailed the reliefs.

This is the fourth time I have had charge of this work since I have been in the mine, and I think that we expended at least fifty per cent more time than on either of the other three occasions and the boilers were in better ~~shape~~ condition for cleaning. I took into account the unskillfulness of the men and their repugnance to this kind of duty.

If men are left free to decide for themselves they would rather remain in the boiler from 20 to 25 minutes - ~~than~~ than be subject to the unusual exertion of crawling in and out the man holes. As bad as this work was it had to be done by somebody and as it fell to our lot to do

it, many took it as jolly as if it had been a picnic - while to others it seemed exceedingly repulsive.

The only excuse I desire was for my very easy way of pushing the job at this time, as I was very anxious to get it done, but under the circumstances I trust I was justified.

I do not remember a single unkind word said by me nor to me by any one of our men. The work was well done but the men really took their own time to it. I regret to hear that any one has made any complaints except concerning the nature of the work for which no one could be responsible.

I am very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. Green.

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July 17/79

Mrs. A. Green
Asst Engineer

Explaining the
manner in which
the work of closing
the Boiler was done

Recd July 17/79

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 21st

, 1879.

Handy Notice Below Purchase

Bars nos 1818 & 1819 of Platt & Co., were each 100 ounces short of the marked weight.

St Louis Bars were spongy and were short on gross wt 67.000 oz
12.50 ounces

Penna Lead co bars were very spongy and the flakes & small pieces were dropping off every time they were handled. On gross wt 34.800 ounces one short 34.00 ounces. Some bars are full weight and some are from 3 to 4 ounces short in weight. One bar was weighed and found short 2.05 ounces, it was heated red hot and again weighed and had dried out 1.15 ounces making a total loss of 3.20 ounces. This bar was melted and lost in melting 1.15 ounces. Another bar of same bullion had been melted in the same crucible on Saturday without firing any of the bar and had lost 4.90 ounces. There are evidences of volatilization in the gram.

W L Cochran

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U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
July 21/79

H. S. Cochran
Weigh Clerk

Unsatisfactory
condition of silver
delivered by Handy
& Cronin.

Rec^d July 21st 1879.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Philadelphia, July 22, 1879.

Assayer's Report of the Weighing and Assay of Test Coins struck at
the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, and reserved
for this purpose, in the month of July, 1879

DENOMINATION.	WEIGHT.		FINENESS.	
	GRAINS.	DEC.	GOLD.	SILVER.
Double Eagle	<i>Specimen of Double Eagle and Eagle made all ready for assay and sent to Mint for assay</i>			
Eagle				
Half Eagle				
Three Dollars				
Quarter Eagle				
One Dollar	412.2			898 $\frac{3}{4}$
Trade Dollar				
Half Dollar				
Quarter Dollar				
Dime				

Very respectfully,

W E DuBois

Assayer.

To Hon. A. S. Snowden

Superintendent.

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
July 22/79

W. E. DuBois
Assayer

Report of assay of
test coin (test silver
dollar) from the Mint
at New Orleans, La
July, 1879.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, July 24th 1879

Hon: A. Loudon Snowden,

Superintendent.

Sir;

Under your orders I have examined J. C. Garrigues, foreman, who states that he knows of no throwing of water from the windows of the Gold and Silver room upon Mr. Nice, that he has made enquiry, and that the men employed in that room deny having thrown water upon Mr. Nice or any one else. I also examined Mr. Summers, foreman of the Refinery, and he states that he was alone in the refinery yesterday, when the throwing of water is alleged, and that he threw none, and knows of none thrown from the refinery.

I also examined Mr. W. F. Nice. He admits that he threw the piece of wood, and the stone, which broke

the windows in the Gold & Silver melting room, being impelled thereto by sudden passion at having a large quantity of water thrown upon his person from the windows of that room. That it has been done repeatedly; that he has complained of it, and had hoped that it would cease. That on its repetition yesterday, in a moment of passion he did what he now sincerely regrets.

As you directed, I notified Mr. Nice that you had suspended him until further orders.

Very respectfully,

N. B. Boyd

Asst M & R

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U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa
July 24/79

A. B. Boyd
Asst. M. R.

Reports the testimony
with regard to throwing
water from the Gold
Melting Room on W. F. Nixon
and the throwing stones by
him through the windows
of the Gold Melting Room

Recd July 24th 1879.

Mint of the U. S. at Philad^a

M. & R. Dep^t 26. July. 1879

Sir,

We have now received the 50 Black lead crucibles from each of the three makers and have begun testing them in lots of 6 at a time, i.e. one for each furnace.

I would be glad if you would call in the Gold Melting Room at the beginning of the week to see the three kinds before use, & again subsequently after use. M^r Garrigues is keeping an account of the running of each lot.

Very respectfully yours
J. H. Booth

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

July 26th, 1879.

J. A. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Has recd 50 coins
the each from 3 man-
ufacturers for trial.

Wants Asst to
Examine them before
& after trial.

No. of Enclosures,

Recd July 26th, 1879.

Miscellaneous Letters

— Recd by

Superintendent

July 1879

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

July 28th 1879.

Mr. A. Gordon Snowden
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to call your attention to the condition of the old adjusting scales, still in use by our Adjusters. Some months ago Mr. Hoerner furnished us with twenty-five (25) new scales, built upon a new and improved plan of Mr. Westermarck, which with the twelve (12) new scales now almost finished, that have been made in this Mint, will give us thirty-seven (37) excellent scales. We need however at least twenty-five (25) more.

The old scales are so much worn that it requires nearly all the time

time of an Adjuster of Scales and his Assistant, to keep them in only tolerable repair.

We experience the greatest difficulty when it is necessary to change from adjusted silver to working on gold and requires patience, time and hard work to get these in workable condition.

The truth is they are literally worn out - having been in almost constant use for over twenty-five (25) years.

I have the honor therefore to respectfully recommend, that Messrs. Henry Trocener & Son be authorized to manufacture for the Mint twenty-five (25) adjusting scales similar in every respect to the one recently finished by Mr. Westermairer. These scales could be made in the Mint, but it would require much more time than we can afford to wait, to complete them. The cramped
Condition

condition of the building and our meagre facilities for getting out 'this' kind of work satisfies me that it would be real economy, and a great saving of time, to have these scales made outside.

In this connection I desire also to direct your attention to the narrow, contracted space set apart for the Adjuster of scales and weights, and his assistant to do their work. Their work benches are placed in one corner of the Adjusting Room, just by the door opening opposite to the door of the Engravers' Room. It is the darkest part of the room, when it should be the lightest, and being so near the entrance door, is constantly surrounded by drafts of air, which makes it difficult to adjust scales to that nicety required by our work. Where so much improvement has already been

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been done, I would respectfully suggest
that a still further improvement be
made, and that is, that a building
be erected over the house of Eugene No. 1,
against the stack, to be made of glass
sash, for the use of the Adjuster of
Scales and Weights and his assistant.

This improvement would relieve
the adjusting room of its crowded condi-
tion and would enable the Mint to
have work done within its own walls
that must of necessity now be ordered
outside -

Yours truly

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

W. B. Babymell,

Comptroller.

490 1/2

O. C. Bostyshell
Conier

July 28/79

Wants 25 new &
improved adjusting
Scales. And a new
work room for the
W. L. main, adjusting
Weights & Scales.

Rec^d July 28th, 1879.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 3^d 1879.

May. O. C. Bosbyshell,

Coiner, U. S. Mint.

Sir.

I have the honor to report, that I have carefully examined a set of " Troy-weights from 500 oz. to 1/100 oz. - the standard weights of the Mint of the United States at New-Orleans.

Having found them to be incorrect, I have adjusted said weights to correspond with the standard Troy pound.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

A. Westerman

Adjuster of scales and weights.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 3^d

1879.

Wm. A. Landon Snowden,
Superintendent

Sir;

I have the honor
to transmit herewith, the report
of our Adjuster of Scales and
Weights, upon the Standard
Weights of the Mint of the United
States at New Orleans.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Chas. B. Blyshell

Coiner.

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O. L. Bosbyshelle
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June 3/79

Enclosy report of
A. Westerman, ad-
-juster of Scales & Weights
upon the Standard Weights
of the N. O. Mint.

Recd June 3rd 1879.

Mint of the United States.

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, June 3rd 1879

Will be shipped to day in response
to the order of May 24, from Mint at
San Francisco. The following are

B.

Ob 10

Standard Dollars

24

00

Wm Barber
Engraver

303,

Wm. Barber, Esq
Englewood, N. H. Unit
June 3. 1879

24 O. 30 R. 50
dollar dis. will be
shipped to S. F.
Unit to day.

Rec^d June 3rd, 1879. Rec^d June 3/79

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 3rd 1879.

Hon. A. Soudon Snowden,

Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Sir,

I have the honor to report, that upon examination of the set of standard troy weights belonging to the Mint of the United States at New-Orleans I found the following variations,

" 500 oz. 0,04 oz. too heavy 200 oz. 0,016 oz. too heavy

400 " 0,032 " " " 100 " 0,008 " " "

300 " 0,024 " " " 50 " 0,004 " " "

40 oz. - 0,003 oz. too heavy

30 " - 0,002 " " "

20 " - 0,001 " " "

The weights in the small box were correct; the following new weights were added, $\frac{1}{100}$ oz. $\frac{2}{100}$ oz. $\frac{5}{100}$ oz. in order to complete the set.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Westerman,
Adjuster of Scales and Weights.

A. Westerman
Adjusting Scales & Weights
U.S. Mint at Phil^a
June 3. 1879.

Reports variations
in a set of Standard
Weights from the N. O.
Mint.

Small box correct.
3 weights added to
complete set.

Rec^d June 3rd, 1879.

Philada

June 4 th. 1879.

To the Honorable

A. Loudon Snowden

Supt. United States Mint.

Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

Would respectfully call your attention to the following wants of the Engineer Department.

- (1) one length of 4 in. wrought iron shafting 4 ft. 9 in. long.
- (1) one pulley 60 in. diameter 14 in. face.
- (1) " " 44 " " 13 " "

In place of crank shaft old No. 2 engine.

New slide valve on No. 3 engine (Massop's patent.)

- (1) one stop valve on exhaust pipe

7 $\frac{1}{8}$ outside diameter of pipe for No. 1 engine.

Pistons No 1 engine to be faced off. the governor of same wants a complete overhauling. also the valve rods.

Pumps No 4 and 5 in bad condition their cylinders want boring out and new pistons.

(2) two wall bearings for 4 in. shaft.

Boiler Inspector requests new mud drums to be put in, in the present year as they are very much pock marked.

All stop valves on boilers to be overhauled.

All the valves on steam pipe for heating the building want renewing, they having been in use 24 years and are worn out.

Duplicate belt for No. 1 engine 24 in. wide 83 ft. long 8 ply.

400 ft. gum forcing hose without couplings
200 ft. garden hose.

5 Doz. pure gum rings assorted sizes.
200 lbs. soapstone packing assorted sizes.
25 yards gum packing $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick.

and would also earnestly recommend the taking out of old No. 2 engine, with the steam and exhaust pipe for same.

(2) two blank flanges for closing the connection for same.

(1) Eureka Lubricator, and 2 oil cups for guides for
No. 3 engine.

Hoping the above will meet with your
aprobation I remain

Very respectfully

John L. McGinnis
Chief Engineer

Engine Room
United States Mint.

312 $\frac{3}{4}$

U. S. Mint
Philada Pa

June 4/79

John L. Ginn
Chief Engineer

Report of Wants
in the Engineer's
Department

Recd June 4th, 1879.

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The Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 14th 1879.

To the Superintendent of the Mint:

The undersigned respectfully asks permission
to be absent from the Mint on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
next week,
for the following reasons:

A/c "Vacation"

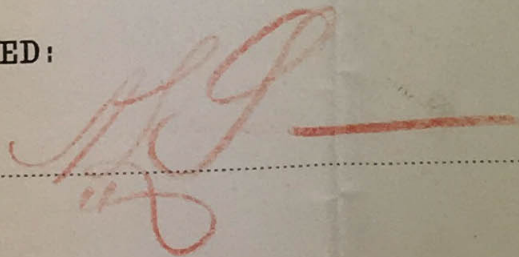
George W. Brown

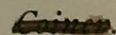
I recommend that the leave of absence asked for be
granted.

Thomas Crosby

Foreman.

APPROVED:




Supt.

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Geo. W. Thorne
U. S. Mint
June 14. 1879

Request 3 days
leave of absence.

(Granted)

Rec^d June 14th, 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, June 5, 1879.

Hon. A. London Snowden

Superintendent &c &c.

Sir

Herewith I hand you six samples of fine silver from the U. S. Assay Office bars, New York, which, according to our finding, contain selenium.

The New York numbers are

21,725

21,732

21,175

21,754

21,766

21,742

Weight of the samples, 3.70^{ozs.}. This ^{amount} is to be returned to me, as it stands charged against me in the account of assay-slips with our Melter & Refiner.

Very respectfully

W E DuBois

Assayer

Wm E. Dubois, &
Assays
June 5. 1879

Furnishing six
samples from fine silver
bars. N.Y. assay office
containing Selenium.
And 3.70 oz. to be
returned. Also giving
the number of the bars.

Rec^d June 5th 1879.

Mint of the United States
at Philad^a

5. June 1879

Sir,

Your favor of 4th Inst. just received, and in part reply to your questions, I will say that in my judgment the price of $2\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ pr. lb. for good commercial soda ash is the present market rate, and that it is subject to fluctuations in price, as shown in the following prices. In 1876 we paid

3. 2.87 3.25 — in 1877 3. 2.50, —
in 1878 2.50 2.62 — in 1879 1.87 in Jan. — 2.25
in April, and the present price is 3.00.

In 1873 the prices were 3.25 and as high as 6.

The majority of the above are those of Savage, Keyser & Howell, & show fairly the fluctuations voluntarily made according to the fluctuations in the market. — I wrote yesterday morning to S. K. & Howell, asking for pr. ct. of alkali, but have not yet received a reply. { Respectfully yours
Hon. A. Loudon Snowden ^{suptdt} } J. C. Booth M. & R.

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 5, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

Price of
Soda Ash.

soda ash.

No. of Enclosures,

Rec^d June 5th, 1879.

U. S. Mint, at Philad^a.

M. & R. Department.

Phil^a 6th June. 1879

Sir,

Upon examining Prices Current after writing to you yesterday, I found that I overestimated the price of Soda-ash, when I stated 3 ¢ as the present price, but it was 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢, as stated above the list of prices.

I have just rec^d a corrected bill from Savage & Stovell @ 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢, sent I suppose when my note of 4th Inst. drew their attention to it & I asked for statement of percentage of real alkali.

Respectfully yours
J. H. Booth

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden,
Superintendent.

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 6., 1879.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

Finds that he
had over, turned
the price of Soda
Ash.

No. of Enclosures,

Recd June 6/80

U. S. Mint at Philad^a
M & Ref. Dept^t.

Phil^a 6. June 1879

Sir,

The question of Price has led me to think it worth your consideration whether the Mint should not take a copy of one or more Prices Current to ascertain the fluctuation in Market Prices of our supplies, which in my department are Copper, Spelter, Salt, Soda-ash, Pearlash, Borax, &c. &c.

While I recommend one or more from this city, it would be more business-like ^{also} to procure either a weekly or daily paper of such a nature from N. Y., which is after all the great centre of commercial transactions, & therefore the best source of knowledge of prices in gross.

Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth

M & R

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 6., 1879.

Las. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Recommend
Subscribing for 10
Mons. N.Y. & Phil.
"Price Current" to
Keep posted as
the prices of sup-
plies.

No. of Enclosures,

Rec^d June 6th 1879

The
Mint of the United States,

at
Philadelphia, 6th June 1879

Sir,

On account of our confined space it is not always easy to enumerate our stock of crucibles, &c. on hand, different lots rather interfering with each other.

We however found about 91 crucibles made by Adam Newkumet, delivered to us last Spring, the whole number delivered being 105.

The search was attended by a fortunate discovery, that behind the Newkumet, we found about 40 of the Taylor crucibles, which will last us until new crucibles can be made.

Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden }
Superintendent }

M & R

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U.S.R.

June 6/79

Mr. C. Booth

U.S.R.

Enough are
as close as hand
to last until
new one can
be made

Recd June 6th 1879.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 7th 1879.

Gen. A. Lardner Snowden
Superintendent.

Sir;

In response to your verbal request of this morning, I have the honor to report that this Department can manufacture, with the force at present employed Five thousand dollars (\$5000) in Standard Dollars, and thirty-seven $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars (\$37 $\frac{50}{100}$) in Cents, per hour.

Working twelve (12) hours per day, this will produce \$60,000 in Standard Dollars, and \$450 in Cents; which will give by the 30th inst. (say 18 days) \$1,080,000 in Standard Dollars, and \$8,100 in Cents. This in addition to amounts already delivered will make the month's

Months' Coinage $\$1,326.00$ in Standard
dollar, and $\$14.40$ Cents.

This Coinage will necessitate be-
sides, the keeping of four (4) Annealers
about two (2) hours daily, additional to
the 12 hours named, for the purpose of
annealing the bronze blanks.

Less time will be taken if, in
the progress of the work, it is found to
be possible to do so, in order to accom-
plish the result desired.

The Adjusters need only work
two (2) hours additional to the regular
time, and I think there will be no need
of the Coining Room being run later than
the regular hours - It may be necessary
to occasionally keep the selectors a few
hours overtime.

To produce the coinage
named will require the daily receipt
of

of Thirty-six (36) melts of Dallas
Ingot, and three hundred (300) Ingot
for cents.

Very Respectfully
Your Obl. Servant
O. B. Probyshell
Carver

O. L. Bosbyshell
Coins.

June 7, 1879

Reports the con-
ditional amount of
std silver dollar &
1/4 coins that
can be executed
in June, 1879.

Recd June 7/79

U.S. Mint at Philad^a
M & R. Dept.

Phil^a 7 June 1879

Sir

I find that with my present force of men I can melt what will produce \$60 @ 63,000 = silver coin per day, equal to about \$1,100,000. in 18 days from the present time; so that we can with the \$200,000 = already delivered count upon a delivery this month of \$1,200,000. with a fair margin for contingencies. In addition, I can easily make \$450 per day of bronze. I think we can execute both the above without overtime, viz. \$1,200,000 Silver, & \$8000 bronze

Respectfully yours
J. P. C. Booth
M & R

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden
Superintendent

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 7, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

Can melt this
month \$1,200,000.
Silver; & \$8,000. —
Bronze.

No. of Enclosures,

Rec^d June 7th, 1879.

The Mint of the United States,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Assay Department, June 7, 1879.

Hon. A. London Snowden

Superintendent &c &c.

Sir

I beg leave to ask for the purchase of a Spectroscope, to be used in this Department.

On conferring with Mr. Outebidge, who is skilled in the use of this instrument, I am convinced it would be useful to determine the presence (or absence) of impurities in alloys of gold and silver, supposed to affect ductility, even when present in such minute proportions as to escape detection by chemical tests. For qualitative work of this kind, the Spectroscope is marvellously delicate.

The cost for such an instrument as would suit us, would be about \$60; the additional appliances might extend it to \$75.-

Very respectfully
W. E. DuBois
Assayer

Assay Laboratory U.S.M.
June 1879

Wm E Dubois Esq

Assayer &c

Sir,

The delay in reporting the result of the selenium investigation to you has been owing to several causes.

First — The samples from which the original analyses were made were all used in the work and the same bars could not be found again, probably having been melted up. It was necessary therefore to begin the work all over again. The method is very slow and tedious, requiring great care and attention and can not be made in less than four or five days, for it is necessary to operate upon a large amount of metal, and the evaporation of the solutions, washing of precipitates, must be performed slowly & at moderate temperatures.

Again, many of the bars contain no selenium and others a mere trace and if any free nitric acid remains in the filtrate the selenium will not precipitate as it should. I propose with your permission to make in conjunction with Mr Eckfeldt, as opportunity

arises,
a complete study of this matter
of selenium. It is only following
up the line of experiment which
I laid out for myself two years
ago and commenced under the author-
ity of the late Director. Had
I been permitted to continue
those experiments I believe that
much light would have been
thrown upon the subject of brittleness
of our gold and silver alloys.
A short resumé of those trials
will be found in the shape of a
communication to the Journal of
the Franklin Institute for June
which will be issued in a few days.

I have experienced difficulties
in undertaking original or non-
routine work in the Mint, owing
to the lack of necessary apparatus

A small spectroscope would
be of great assistance in detecting
the presence of foreign impurities
which exist in too small proportions
in gold and silver to be readily de-
termined by chemical means.

I therefore take the liberty of recalling
to your recollection the written request
I made some months since for a
suitable instrument to be procured. As things
I have been dependent upon the courtesies
of outside institutions and persons, for the
occasional use of such appliances. Very Respectfully,
J. E. Entenmann.

In regard to this subject I would say

First. The method of using the Spectroscope in the assay laboratory should undoubtedly be comparative. It would be necessary to formulate a series of tests with pure metals, & alloys of pure metals, before the apparatus could be adapted to our special work. The comparisons could then be made expeditiously & with positive certainty.

Second. A Spectroscope would be useful for the purpose of determining the presence (or absence) of impurities in alloys of gold & silver which are supposed to affect the ductility & to exercise injurious effects generally, even when they are present in such minute proportions as to escape detection by the regular chemical tests. For qualitative work of this kind the Spectroscope is marvellously delicate.

Third - The results of the extended experiments made here in 1873 proving the impracticability of Quantitative Spectroscopic Assaying by the method proposed by Lockyer the English astronomer, & Roberts the Chemist of the Royal Mint still remain uncontradicted.

Fourth The cost of Spectroscopes varies from \$15 to \$150 according to the number of prisms & the care with which the instruments are made.

An ordinary two prism Students' Spectroscope would answer our purpose. Such an instrument would probably cost about \$60 and the additional appliances such as Bunsen burners, forceps &c, would bring the entire cost on the neighborhood of \$75 -

Very Respectfully

Chas. E. Cutlerbridge

W. E. DuBois
Assayer.

Alex. E. Aubertbridge
Asst-Assayer.

Cause of delay in completion of report on occurrence of selenium in brittle silver.

Importance of a small spectroscope for determining presence of traces of foreign matters in the silver & gold assays.

Asks leave to purchase one. Price \$75.

Rec^d June 9th, 1879

U.S. Mint at Phil^a

M. & R. Dept 9. June 1879

Sir,

I would like to amend my estimate of work for the present month, by saying that I think I can make \$10,000. of bronze within hours.

Respectfully yours

J. C. Booth

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

M. & R.

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

June 9, 1879.

Jas. C. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

P. S. Can melt
\$10,000. Bronze
this month.

No. of Enclosures,

Rec^d June 9th 1879.

June 9th 1879

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 9th 1879

Hon. A. L. London, London,

Superintendent -

Sir, Referring to our conversation of this morning, I have the honor to present the following comparison of work done by this Department during the month of May, and the amount of work estimated for this month, per my letter of 7th inst.

In May we produced 1,795,090 pieces of coin. This took the men employed in the Rolling and Wash Rooms, 13,248 hours to make, or 135 pieces per hour. It is proposed to make this month 2,721,380 pieces (\$427,600 N.E. \$1,300,000 D.C. and \$14,000). The hours of work will be 12,480 - which will give a production of 218 pieces per hour - 83 pieces per hour in excess of May.

It is also probable that there will be a larger amount of Cuts coined than the amount estimated - so that the production of work in June will be still greater. Very Respy, Yr Obedt Servt
O. L. Barclaybell Coiner.

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O. C. Crosbyshall
Comer

June 9/79

Comparison of work
done in this Dept in
May 1879, & the amount
estimated for the
current month, on
the 7th inst.

Rec $\pm$ June 9th 1879.

The
Mint of the United States,
at
Philadelphia, 10. June 1879

Sir

Mr Branson wished to know whether he would be allowed to put some 30 tons of his selected coal, in our cellar. His coal has been so superior to anything that we have had for years that I would favor him most cheerfully. I will see to it that every ton is observed as it is brought to the Mint; & any inferior coal rejected.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth
M & R

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

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Mr L. Booth
M & R

Willing that
the Prussian
may put 30
tons selected
coal in Cellar

Rec^d June 10th - 1879.

U.S. Mint at Philad^a

M & R. Department

Phil^a 6. June. 1879

Sir,

I respectfully submit to you the following estimates for Machines, Furnaces, Instruments, Tools, &c. requisite to melting & Refining in a small Mint, merely remarking that the figures are approximately correct.

The three metals of coinage. Gold, Silver & Copper (or their alloys) are all melted, cast, rolled, & cut, in a similar manner, & therefore in the same kind of furnace, & with the same kinds of tools. Only one furnace therefore is absolutely necessary, but to avoid as far as practicable the mingling of these metals, & especially the danger of handling some of the alloys of copper in connection with the precious metals, it seems to me advisable to have one furnace expressly for the base, and another for the higher coinage.

Gold is frequently refined, silver sometimes, copper never. Moreover Gold & silver are refined by acids in the same apparatus, & most frequently at the same time. I shall therefore make only two sets of estimates

Hon A. Loudon Snowden. 6. June 79 }

mates, for melting, and for refining.

1. Melting

1. Plain brick furnace, strengthened with boiler-iron strips on the angles, & lined with fire brick \$150.00

A more substantial furnace, like those in the Mint, with cast-iron casings, tile-lined doors, cast-iron ash-pit, &c. put up

\$250.00

2. Fire tools. Tongs for stirrers, for dippers, for skimmers, 2 of each @ \$2.00 } 12.00

Tongs for lid 2 @ 1⁵⁰ = \$3.00 3.00

Tongs for lifting crucibles, 3 sizes @ 3⁵⁰ 10.50

Iron ladles, spoons and dashers, for stirring, skimming & mixing silver 2 each @ 2 } 12.00

3. Casting. Moulds of cast-iron, open, @ 1⁰⁰ 12 12.00

Square moulds for fine bars, cast iron or steel

planed smooth, 2 each of 3 sizes 6 @ 5⁰⁰ } 30.00

Ingot-moulds, cast iron, in pairs, strapped, & with screw, for opening & closing, 6 pr. @ 22⁰⁰ } 132.00

Tray or Trough, cast-iron, to hold moulds, &c while casting, - on a wooden stand 15.00

{ 6. June 1879
Hon. A. Loudon Snowden Suptdt. }

Table, cast-iron, for opening & closing moulds, - }
 on a wooden stand. } \$ 25.00

4. Machines, &c. Hand topping machine }
 for cutting off ends of Ingots } \$ 30.00
 One vice for filing Ingots \$ 10.00
 Hand bastard files, 14 inch, 12 \$ 9.00
 Anvil, hammers & chisels 25.00
 Lead-lined box for dipping ingots 10.00
 Copper box for cooling & washing ingots 15.00

5. Black lead ware. Crucibles 6 of N^o 40 - }
 6 of 30 — 6 of 20 — 6 of 16 @ 3 1/4 & pr. N^o } 26.67
 8 of N^o 12 ~~of N^o 12 @ 18 1/4 & 8 of N^o 8 @ 36 1/4~~ } 6.40
 10 of N^o 6 @ .32 & 12 of N^o 4 @ .24 } 6.08
 20 of N^o 3 @ .20 & 20 of N^o 2 @ .15 & 20 of N^o 1 @ 10 } 9.00
 Stirrers, simpler form, 12 @ .30 & } 3.60
 Stirrers, (cylindrical) / colandered 12 @ 35 & } 4.20
 Dipping cups, 2 sizes, 12 of each, @ 20 & } 4.80
 Skimming cups, 2 sizes, 12 each @ 20 } 4.80

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 Hon. A. Loudon Asquith
 Suptdt }

covers

Covers for all melting crucibles, say 30 @ 30¢ 9.00

11. Refining

1. By oil of vitriol. Cast iron pots over a small furnace, heated to about 600° Fahr., arranged under chimney to conduct off fumes, when built up, & complete, say } \$75.00
2. By nitric acid. Glass flasks, on a sand bath (sand on a flat cast-iron tray with sides), say } 25.00
3. Stone ware jars to precipitate the silver from No 1 by metallic copper — or the chloride of silver from No 2 by salt, & reducing the chloride by zinc.
 Say 6 jars @ \$10.00 60.00
 or better 6 Porcelain jars @ 35.00 210.00

I have confined myself to essentials, giving superior, but costlier, alternatives in the furnace & porcelain jars. I have excluded chemicals, which were not asked for, & which could not be estimated satisfactorily, from their fluctuation in quantity, & price.

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Summary
of Cost of Apparatus, Fixtures, Tools, &c
for Melting & Refining in a Small Mint

1. Melting furnace	\$150.00
2. Fire-tools	37.50
3. Casting arrangements	214.00
4. Machines, &c	99.00
5. Black-lead ware, crucibles, &c.	74.47
6. Refining apparatus	135.00

\$709.97

While some of the above may be dispensed with & the cost lowered, convenience of work is lessened, and risk of loss of precious metal increased. In fact, I would rather add one third more, & put the cost at \$1000 = than add to inconvenience & risk

Respectfully yours
J A C Booth

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

M & R

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

June 2nd 1879

D. John L. LeConte
Chief Clerk.

Sir;

In reply to your communication of the 31st ult., in which you request "an estimate of the quantity and cost of such machines, furnaces, instruments, tools, &c., as pertain to the office of Coiner, of a small and modestly equipped Mint," I have the honor to submit the following:—

To coin from 2000 to 5000 pieces daily will require the following, to wit:—

1. One (1) pair Rolls
2. One (1) " Shears
3. One (1) " Printing Rolls.
4. One (1) Draw-Bench
5. One (1) Cutting Press

One (1) Annealing

6. One (1) Annealing Furnace
7. One (1) do Tank
8. One (1) Cradle for Annealing Strips.
9. One (1) Wrought Iron Pan " blanks.
10. Three (3) Whitening Tubs.
11. Two (2) Wash Tubs
12. One (1) Crane
13. One (1) Revolving Riddle.
14. One (1) Steam Pan
15. One (1) " Heater
16. One (1) Milling Machine
17. One (1) Coining Press
18. One (1) Engine (say 40 horse)
19. Two (2) Steam boilers.
20. One (1) Grinding Machine
21. Five (5) Adjusting Scales.
22. One (1) Balance (say 3000 ^{ozs})
23. Shafting, Belting, Pulleys, Gages,
Trucks, Boxes, Tables, and ne-
cessary small tools

3.
This list comprises what is necessary for silver coinage - if gold is desired, there will be wanted in addition to the above,

24. Four (4) Copper Gauges for Stamps.

25. Two (2) Cast iron boxes for annealing blanks.

For a base metal coinage there can be omitted from the above list Number 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 21.

In regard to giving an estimate of the cost of the above machinery I can not do it with positive accuracy, without submitting the list to some manufacturer.

I find in procuring articles for this Department so great a difference in the cost, from former purchases of the same article, that the cost of such articles as enumerated above cannot be taken as a guide for present prices.

Consulting with the practical men of the Department, I feel satisfied however

ever that the articles enumerated could
be procured for from Eighteen (18) to twenty
(20) thousand dollars.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

O. B. Borbyshell

Couier.

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
June 20th 1879

For C. Booth, clerk
O. C. Bosbyshell, Coiner
W. E. DuBois, Assayer
W. Barber, Engraver

Estimates of the
minimum amount &
cost of machinery and
apparatus for the Equip-
-ment of a Small
Mint to Coin per
2,000 @ 5,000 pieces
daily.

[4 Enclosures]

Filed June 11/79

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia June 9th 1879

Sir

A Gordon Snowden
Superintendent.

Sir.

In reply to your order for an estimate of the cost of making coinage dies for Gold, Silver, and base metal coins for a foreign government. I respectfully submit the following estimate, calculated from the cost of dies made from hubs previously executed, viz
For double Eagle, Dollar, and half dollar, dies Twenty dollars per pair (of Obverse and Reverse dies) for the smaller coins viz dime and base metal coins Eighteen dollars per pair (of Obverse and Reverse.)
Of the cost of Engraving the original hubs. I cannot form an opinion without seeing the designs, intended. But supposing them to be such as are general in the small republics of South America. It would pay the original die and the Master hubs therefrom comprising four pieces (Ob and Reverse) would be for the larger coins down to the quarter dollar \$200. for the smaller \$150.

Very Respectfully Yours
Wm Barber Engraver

Estimate of the simplest apparatus required for assaying in a small Mint."

Articles.	Probable Cost.
1 Assay Balance in glass case, loaded at one gramme in each pan; suitable for gold or silver: Becker's (N. Y.) make, (London and Paris beams cost more, & are less satisfactory.)	Dolls. 72. —
2 One set assay-weights for gold, & one set for silver (Becker's)	20. —
3 Side-beam for quantitation (Troemner's)	5. —
4 Small beam for leads, &c. "	3. —
5 Assay furnace, cupelling, complete supplied by Boulter, Phila.	25. —
6 Laminoir or Rolls, Gilbert, Phila.	45. —
7 Steel Anvil, large & small hammer, and pair of tongs	11. —
8 Two pairs of pliers, Kern, Phila.	4. —

Articles, continued

Probable
Cost

185

9	Two pair of shears, Kern, Phila.	10.00
10	Hammer & chisels for cutting off assay slips	3.00
11	Iron pan for sand-bath	2.00
12	One dozen assay matrasses, gold	3.00
13	One dozen humid assay bottles	3.00
14	One dozen annealing cups, for gold	1.00
15	Six acid bottles	9.00
16	Humid Assay jar, normal	3.00
17	Large pipettes, and small do.	10.00
18	Stock of cupels and leads, say (Probably enough for six months.)	25.00
		254

The foregoing does not include articles for assay of ores or sweeps, or sets of ounce-weights, &c. or a melting-furnace, such as we have in our laboratory.

W E Dubois
assayer

Estimate of the simplest apparatus required for assaying in a small Mint."

Articles.	Probable Cost.
1 Assay Balance in glass case, loaded at one gramme in each pan; suitable for gold or silver. Becke's (N. Y.) make, (London and Paris beams cost more, & are less satisfactory.)	Dolls. 72. —
2 One set assay-weights for gold, & one set for silver (Becke's)	20. —
3 Side-beam for quantitation (Troemner's)	5. —
4 Small beam for leads, &c. "	3. —
5 Assay furnace, cupelling, complete supplied by Boulton, Phila.	25. —
6 Laminoir or Rolls, Gilbert, Phila.	45. —
7 Steel Anvil, large & small hammer, and pair of tongs	11. —
8 Two pairs of pliers, Kern, Phila.	4. —
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United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, Aug 6th, 1879.

Col Snodden

Supt. U. S. Mint

Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir.

My young friend
Mr Harvey Hughes, of Ill.
in whom I feel considerable
interest, is now employed in
the mint under your
charge.

I have known
him long ^{and} well and
commend him to your
favorable consideration.

He has a mother and
sister dependent upon him
for support, and any favor
that you may extend to
him will be duly
appreciated and reciprocated
at any time by me.

Very truly yours

B. K. Bruce

Senate Chamber
Washington D.C.
Aug 6/79

Hon B. R. Bruce

Commending
Harvey Hughes
of Miss. an
Employe in the
Mint.

Recd Aug. 7th 1879.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Philadelphia, July 30, 1879.

Assayer's Report of the Weighing and Assay of Test Coins struck at
the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, and reserved
for this purpose, in the month of July, 1879.

DENOMINATION.	WEIGHT.		FINENESS.	
	GRAINS.	DEC.	GOLD.	SILVER.
Double Eagle -----	516.	18	899.2	9.5
Eagle -----				
Half Eagle -----				
Three Dollars -----				
Quarter Eagle -----				
One Dollar -----				
Trade Dollar -----				
Half Dollar -----				
Quarter Dollar -----				
Dime -----				

Very respectfully,

W E DuBois

Assayer.

To Hon. A. L. Snowden

Superintendent.

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
July 30/79

W. S. DuBois
Assayer

Report & list
assays of July
Double Eagle, from
N. O. Mint.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/July (cont.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/AUGUST

Wt

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, August 21st, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Order No. 8689, dated August 20, in your favor for \$200,000, in Standard Silver Dollars; also my duplicate Certificate of Deposit No. 20841, of this date, in your favor for like amount on account of "Profits on Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars."

Will you please date and sign the indorsement on the back of the Transfer Order and return the same to this Office with your next transcript of my Bullion Fund account, as a voucher for the credit given therein?

Very respectfully

A. Lindor Snowden,

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

De Lamar

Treasurer U.S.

Received U. S.
Washington D. C.
Aug. 21/79

Las. Gilfillan

Enclosing T. O. #1689,
& dup. C/O, #20841,
for 400,000 Std Silver
dollars, on $\frac{1}{2}$ Profits,
on Carriage & Std
Silver dolls.

Rec^d Aug. 22nd 1879.

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York Aug 24th 1879

A London London Cognac
Super Mint Phila pa
The.

We send you this day
by the Adams Ex Co, through Bank of New York,
an act of an sale to the Director of the Mint
@ 112⁹⁴ the fine list of accompanying list
to with

At Par 101. 795⁵ or
for which

Please send us, in care of Bank of New York
your check on sub Treas^r this City - by return
mail, if you please - for such an amount as
as you are disposed to stop up with - and the
balance, in same way, when exact proceeds
are had

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

589

New York
Aug. 21/79

Hand & Conise

Forwarded
101, 395, 85-07
Silva @ 112.94
& wants check
for approximate
amount.

Hand & Conise

Recd Aug. 22nd - 1879.

Handwritten notes in cursive script, including the phrase "Hand & Conise" and numerical figures.

Handwritten signature or initials in cursive script.

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.

New York Aug 2 1869

U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We ship you for

Adams Express Co

114 Silver Bars 999 f

weighing 122,462.⁵⁰ ounces

against our yesterday's sale of

50000 oz	112 ⁸⁵ —
25000 "	112 ⁸⁸ —
25000 "	112 ⁹⁰ —
25000 "	112 ⁹⁴ —

May we trouble you
to send us your check for an
approximate amount, by return
of mail. —

Very Respectfully
J. W. Seligman & Co.

588

New York
Aug 21/79

J. W. Seligman & Co

Forward 122,462⁵⁰₁₀₀
Silver at prices stated

Wants check for
approximate
amt by return
mail

J. W. SELIGMAN & CO

Paid Aug. 22nd 1879.

First National Bank of Jamesburg, N. J.

July 5, 1879

Supr Miss. Phil^d Esq.

Darius

Inclose draft on
 Philadelphia \$250. # for
 which you will please
 me at one cent per 20. #
 " five " " 30. #
 " ten " " 200. #
250. #

and oblige

Yours truly

T. Wilton Hill
 Cash

585

Ham, burg N.Y.
Aug 21/79

J. Wilton Hill
ca,

Enclosing appx 250.
for Silver Minor
Coins

Recd Aug 22, 1879

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

August 20, 1879.

Sir

Yours of the 19th inst enclosing draft for \$40.⁰⁰ has been received, but it is impossible to state when we can furnish one cent piece as the whole available force is engaged on Standard Silver dollars.

The 2¢ piece was abolished in 1873

What shall we do with your draft?

Yours respectfully
John L. Lebon
Acting Superintendent

H. G. Rutherford Esq.

Cash: Halden N. Y.
Halden, N. Y.

Please return the
draft & oblige
H. G. Rutherford
Cashier

595

Walden N.Y.
Aug 21/79

W. G. Rutherford
Ch.

Receipt
Return of drafts
(40. for 100)

Recd Aug 22. 1879

Newark Smelting and Refining Works,

ED. BALBACH & SON,

233 RIVER STREET,

Newark, N. J., Aug 21 1879

Mr. A. Louder Snowden
Suptd. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

The 24 Bars

shipped to you today for account of Laidlaw & Co
New York weighed.

# 9415	1087.15	02	# 9427	1091.15	02
16	1066.50		28	1125.55	
17	1090.50		29	1085.50	
18	1092.80		30	1093.60	
19	1137.20		31	1081.05	
20	1053.90		32	1084.05	
21	1060.90		33	1067.30	
22	1114.70		34	1035.70	
23	1041.80		35	1069.20	
24	1088.60		36	1108.00	
26	993.00		37	1080.00	
26	1066.70		38	1090.85	

Total Oz 25906.00

Yours respectfully
E. Balbach & Son
J. M. Leffler

.5-86

Newark, N.J.

Aug 21/79

E. Balbach & Son

Harison & Son
bars for Geo Liddell
& Son N.Y.

Rec^d Aug. 22nd 1879.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. 1879

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir

We send today by the Adams Ex. Co. 73 bars bullion 999 fine weighing 78.291²⁵ ozs., and eight bags coin weighing 6.948⁵⁰ ozs.

We have entered the bars and coin separately for the purpose of obtaining prompt returns. In case that the bars should be ready before the coin is melted, we desire to receive payment for these and then wait for the coin.

We sold to the Director 85th ounces at 112⁹⁰/₁₀₀ per oz.

Very Respectfully
Jas. B. Colgate & Co
per J. H. H. Newlage

78.291²⁵
6.948⁵⁰
85.239⁷⁵

596

New York
Aug 21/79

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

Honorable Silver Bar,

78,291.²⁵ oz

and Silver coin

6,948.50 oz

@ 112.90 p of fine

Rec^d Aug. 22nd - 1879.

Banking, Exchange and Collection Office

—OF—

SAMUEL HAZLETT,

Washington, Pa., Aug 22 1879

Director of U. S. Mint {
at Philadelphia Pa {
Dear Sir;I enclose
My No 41289 a by 100 \$.
Please send me like
amount of one cent coins.Respectfully,
S. HazlettRecd 25th
Jan 11

610

Washington Pa
Aug 22/79

S. Hazlett

Enclosing dfr
\$100. for 1¢

Recd Aug 25, 1879

S. T. Everett, Presd.

Joseph Perkins, Vice Presd.

No 13.

H. C. Deming, Cashier. L. A. Brewster, Asst. Cash.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$1,500,000.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK,

CLEVELAND, O.

Aug 22 1879

Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

On July 15th we ordered in series
\$500,000. Your reply of 17th was to the
effect that they would be shipped
in about ten days. We have not
received them - and want them badly.
Please ship immediately & oblige

Yours
G. A. Brewster

@ 8/25/79

Recd
Aug 25

602

Cleveland, Co
Aug 22/79

G. A. Garrison
Anti-Sl.

Wants the \$500.
in 1 & 1/2 weeks.

Ans

Recd Aug 25/79

E. C. HUMES, President.

J. P. HARRIS, Cashier.

First National Bank
OF BELLEFONTE,

Late Humes, McAllister, Hale & Co.

Bellefonte, Pa. *Aug 22nd* 1879

Director of the Mint
Philadela

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the *22nd* inst.
with its *2* enclosure as stated, has been received.

To your credit
For Collection

I hand you enclosed

Will you please send me
one of your circulars in
regard to the redemption
of nickels &c. Your reply
will oblige

Respectfully Yours, &c.,

J. P. HARRIS, Cashier.

600 $\frac{1}{2}$

Rec. Aug 23. 179

Bellefonte Pa
Aug. 22/79

J. P. Harris, Esq

Wants Cash
Redemptors
Circular

Rec Aug 23/79

665

Redemptors of Penna. &c.

J. P. HARRIS, Cashier.

Aug 22nd 1875

Director U.S. Mint
Sir inclosed is a
piece of Gold, please
(if you can) return to
me its value in coin
or other circulating
money, ^{green backs} by mail

M. V. Adams
So Royalton
(Windsor Co) VT

Gold returned
& circular sent
@ 8/25/79
Rev H

603

So. Royalton, Vt.
Aug. 22/79

M. V. Adams

Enclosing
piece of gold
for return in
coin or greenbacks

Recd Aug 25/79

Second National Bank,

Red Bank, N. J. Aug 22 1879

N S Minn Phila

Enclosed please
find draft Fifty dollars for which send
us per Express one cent coin for same amt

Very respy

J B Edwards

61 51
8 85
Red. 40

Red Bank, N.J.
Aug 22/79

J. B. Edwards, Esq.

Enclosing aff
\$50. for 1 of the

Recd. Aug. 25, 1879

Maynard Sumner, Pres. Capital \$ 150,000. G. Howe Wiggin, Cash.
Surplus \$ 40,000.

Rockland National Bank

Incorporated 1851.

National 1865.

Rockland, Me. Aug 22^d 1879

Superintendent U S Mail

Dear Sir

Will you please
inform us on what terms you sup-
ply the one cent coins, in what
amounts and whether delivered
free of express charges, or not, and
the kind of funds required in
payment, and oblige

Yours resp. y
M Sumner Pres.

@ 8/26/79

614

Rockland Me
Aug 22/79

M. Sumner
Per

Enquirer, how
to get 14 ps.

Recd Aug 26/79

B.

In your reply, please quote
above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, August 22^d 1879.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of this date and have asked the Superintendent of the Express Company to notify their Agent at the Mint that Mount Pleasant mentioned in Silver letter 1840 is in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, according to the P. O. Directory. — Very respectfully,
Jas. S. Seward
Treasurer.

John L. Leconte Esq.
Acting Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

599

Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.
Aug 22 / 79

Jas. Gilfillan

Mr. Pleasant, in
Silent Letter, 1840, &
in Westwardland Co.
Pa. -

Rec^d Aug. 23^d 1879.

Davis Co

Columbia Co

Washington Co

Weyne Co

Westmoreland Co

Mount Pleasant N

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

For

to

only.

For the Company,

Insurance, \$

No. 181.

ADAMS EXPR

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN

Phi

\$\$

Received from

Addressed

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transport of package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company, and a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any sum within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and on ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property to such other Company or person.

For the Company

Freight,

Berlin & Jones Envelope Co., N. Y.

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P
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., August 27th 1879.

A. London Snowden Esq.

Custodian U.S. Mint building.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Superintendent of Repairs, John W. Arthur Jr. has this day been instructed to employ a draughtsman to prepare plans of the basement and first floor of the building in your custody, at a compensation not to exceed Four dollars (\$4.00) per diem.

A voucher in duplicate for this service, properly receipted and certified, charged to the appropriation for "Vaults, Safes and Locks for Public Buildings '880", will be submitted through
you

you to this department for payment.

Very respectfully,

J. F. Murch

Assistant Secretary.

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Treasury Department
Washington D.C.
Aug 22/79

H. F. French
Asst Secretary

Supt of Repair,
Mon. de l'Estim. p. ~~for~~
to employ a draughts-
man @ \$4. per diem
to prepare plans of the
Basement & 1st floor
of the Mint. Bill
to be forwarded to the
Department for pay-
ment.

Rec^d Aug. 23rd 1879.

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company **TRANSMITS** and **DELIVERS** messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of **Unrepeated Messages**.

This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

NY

8-22-9

Received at

Super Mint

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Have shipped the missing Bar today.

W. J. Feligman & Co

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE

S. E. Cor, Broad & Chestnut Sts.,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

592

New York

Aug 22/79

(Telegram)

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

Have shipped
missing Box to day.

Rec^d Aug. 22nd 1879.

Wm. Foos, President.
John Foos, Vice Pres.

CAPITAL \$100,000. SURPLUS \$85,000. F. W. Foos, Cashier.

Second National Bank

Springfield, O. Aug 23 1879.

Hon Director U S Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir.

I enclose herewith my
Oft on N.Y. for \$2000
Please send me Silver
Coin as follows:

Standard Dollars 1000

Half " 600

Dimes 400

\$2000

I have seen no Circular, in
regard to Express Charges, for
some time; but am under
the impression that Gov't still
pay the charges -

Very truly

F. W. Foos

Recd 25

@ 8/25/

P.

Springfield Q
Aug 23/79

J. M. Foss Esq

Enclosz dft of 2000,
for Std Silver dolls
+ sub. Silver coins

Recd Aug 25/79

Dover National Bank

OLIVER WYATT, President.

CALVIN HALE, Cashier.

Dover, N.H. Aug 23 1879

Supt, U S Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Sir —

There is the \$150
in minor coins your letter of
28 ult paid would be along
in about ten days. —

He are getting short,

Respy
C Hale Esq
Abbott

8/25
Recd "

605

Dover, N H

Aug 23/79

C. Hale for

Enquirer for
the \$150. million
coin ordered.

Recd Aug 25/79

8/25/79

W. S. Carlisle,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

TEA DEALER & GENERAL GROCER,

No. 493 FULTON STREET.

Brooklyn, N. Y. August 23rd 1879
James Pollock Esq
Sir,

Will you be kind
enough to say on enclosed
postal Card, if you have
any '79-5[¢] pieces. or when you
expect to make some change
Very respectfully yours

W. S. Carlisle

Recd
aug 25/

607

Brooklyn N.Y.
Aug 23/79

W. S. Carlisle

Enquiries for
54 2/1879

Recd Aug 25/79

Capital \$500,000.

THE Merchants National Bank

OF Burlington, Vt. Aug 23 1879

Director W & Munt

Dear Sir

We sent you
1 Aug 4th, check for \$100.
for same amt. of
small nickel & coin
than ordered.

We have not yet
received the coin.

Has it been sent
us? Please have
same forwarded as soon
as possible, and oblige

Respectfully

Wm
Red

Wm
Burlington

609

Burlington, Vt.
Aug 23/79

L. W. Woodhouse
esq

Enquiring cause
of delay in Audy's
min. coin.

Recd Aug 25/79

Plymouth N.H. Aug 23rd 1855

Mr Secretary,

I know
of a place where I can obtain
(I think) seven or eight
hundred dollars, all in
Silver coin. And the
most of it is in old
currency. What pr^t can
you give me on such.
before certain dates.
If I should get it I should
have to pay in new silver
currency. And could
you furnish me with
it, and in what way.
Will you be so kind as
to answer the above as
soon as possible.

Yours in haste

A. G. Blake

From J. G. Blake
Plymouth
N. H.

Purchase of Silver
and by Circular

Aug 23, 1855

Robert Garrett & Sons,
No. 7 SOUTH STREET.

Baltimore, August 25 1879

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly send me
the Circular of the Mint for 1879.

Your attention will greatly oblige

Yours respectfully
J. H. Garrett
per C. C.

To the Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

@ 826/79

Baltimore, Md.
Aug 25/79

J. H. Garrett

Requests Circular
of the Month of
1879.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and signatures in the center of the page, possibly including names like "J. H. Garrett" and "J. H. Garrett"]

Recd Aug 26/79

C.C. BLISH, President.

S.W. WARNER, Vice Prest.

G.S. WENTWORTH, Cash.

NO 1785.

THE FIRST

NATIONAL BANK

Capital \$ 75,000.

Surplus \$ 25,000.

Kewanee, Ill. Aug 25 1879

John L. Delout - Ex-Act Supt - West Union -
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

In reply to your
favor of the 22^d Inst.

If you think that you
can fill our order of the 19th
for one cent pieces during the next
30 days please hold the Draft -
otherwise return it to us

Yours very respectfully
W. H. H. H.

635

Kewanee, Ill
Aug 25/79

G. S. Wentworth
Co.

Return draft
if order cannot be
filled in 30 days.

Rec'd Aug 28, 1879

ESTABLISHED 1836.

OFFICE OF

83 & 85 Main St.

R. O. HOLDEN,

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Carpets, Oil Cloths,

READY-MADE CLOTHING, &c.

Batavia, N. Y., Aug 25 1879

*Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir*

*Enclosed please
find draft of Fifty Dollars
for Peronies*

*Yours Respectfully
R. O. Holden
J.*

*Waiting further orders
Aug 27/79*

7KV

623

Batavia, N.Y.
Aug 25/79

R. O. Stalden

Enclosing ayt
+ 50. fr 14

Recd Aug 27/79

H. B. SMITH,
President.

JOEL G. SAYRE,
Cashier.

Citizens Bank,

Successor to SWEETSERS & MATTER,

Hartford City, Ind. Aug 25 1879

Wm. M. Phil

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 22 inst.
with enclosures as stated is received, and shall
have attention.

Respectfully Yours,

Ent. for Coll'n. Joe G. Sayre

We enclose for

You may return our
draft of \$50 sent you the 19th
for premium.

vogel

646

Hartford City, Ind
Aug 25/79

Jac. G. Sayre
Esq.

Requests return
of amt \$50. per 1/2

Rec^d Aug 29. 1879

John Elliott, Pres't.

No. 1263.

 John A. Young, Cash'r.

First National Bank

Shelbyville, Ind. Aug. 2 1877

Rich. Wm. Mann, Philada.

My Dear Sir,
Please find my
draft on New York \$20. for which
please send this Bank same
amount out one cent pieces and
Obliged Yours

To
Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Respectfully
 John A. Young
Clerk

Waiting further orders
Aug 28/77 YKV

627

Shelbyville, Ind
Aug 25/79

John A. Young
es

Enclosing dft
+ 20. for 14

Recd Aug 25/79

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

ADAM, MELDRUM & ANDERSON,

BUFFALO, N. Y.

26 Aug 1879

To John L. Lent

Dear Sir

Replying to your favor of
22 inst. Please return to us the
two P.O. notes for \$50 each sent
for pennies we regret very much
the loss of them

Yrs very truly
Adam Meldrum & Anderson

642

Buffalo, N.Y.
Aug 26/79

Adam, Meldrum
& Anderson

Request to return
of P. O. M. C. \$100.
for 1 & 2

Recd Aug 29/79 Recd Aug 29, 1879

Baltimore August 26th 1879
Superintendent U. S. Mint

Sir will you
please inform me whether the Enclosed
5^c nickel coin is Counterfeit or
genuine, and oblige Respectfully yours
S. L. Bridge

267 E. Baltimore St Baltimore

Cryslis

@ 8/27/79

622

Baltimore, Md
Aug 26. 1879

S. L. Bridge

Enclosing 5¢
nickel for ex-
amination

Recd Aug 27/79

Good, & not a single
suspicious feature about it.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., _____, 187 .

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that _____
 enrolled on the _____ day of _____, 18 , and mustered
 service on the _____ day of _____, 18 , a _____
 Co. _____ Regiment _____ No. _____

Blank No. 1.

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A. B. BREWER, Sec'y

NORVIN GREEN, President

Dated Plainfield NJ 26 1879

Received at SARATOGA, N. Y.

Wm. L. Menden

U.S. Hotel

Your certification of
signature of Dr Leconte
will be sufficient forward
it by mail or messenger
as soon as possible

Thos Hillhouse

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE IN

The Arcade Building, 374 Broadway,

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

21 Collect By Direct Wires.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Plainfield N.J.
Aug. 26/79

Mrs. Hillhouse
Asst Sec. U. S.
New York

To
A. L. Snowden
Sac to go.

Suply Certification
of Dr. Lafont, Sig-
nature will be suf-
ficient. Send it
by mail or messenger
as soon as possi-
ble.

Aug 26/79

(copy)

New York Aug 26/79

To John Le Lefante

Actg Supt Mint Phila

Your signature is not known here.
Please mail it to night, Certified by
your Asst Treas. in order that your checks
may be honored.

(Signed)

Thos. Hillhouse

Asst Treas. U. S.

New York

Aug. 26/79

(Copy)

Thos. Stillhouse
 Asst Sec. U.S.
 (To La Bonte afd dept)
 (Telegram)

Your signature
 not known here.
 Mail it to night, and
 copied by Asst Sec.
 so that you check
 my be hindered

Recd Aug 26/79

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York Augst 16th 1879

John L. Leake

Acting Asst. U.S. Mint, Phil^a & Pa
Dir.

We return herewith

your receipt for enclosure, of Jan 9th
and the check on the Treasury for \$483.50 N.Y.
- but as the Treasury declined to pay the check
until they receive receipt of your signature
we sign & return them conditionally

Had you sent us a check on
a/c last Friday it would have saved
us \$50 - and as we especially requested
you to do so would be gratified by your
explanation reasons for not obaying
doing this

Very truly

Handy & Cronise

Recd Aug 27/79
625

New York
Aug 26/79

Handy & Louise

Returns receipts
for CHK #114,373.53
conditionally. Out
draw. Refuse to pay
Leontis Check, un-
til authenticated

Recd Aug 27/79

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The First National Bank.

J. M. GOULD, President.
CHAS. ATKINSON, Vice President.
J. S. GILLMORE, Cashier.

Moline, Ill. Aug 27 1879

Sir

We are as yet without the receipt of minor coins for our remittance of July 30 which under date of Aug 2nd you advised would be shipped in "about ten days" May we expect to receive them soon

Very Respy
J. S. Gillmore
Cash

To—
Hon A Loudon Snowden
Supt U S Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

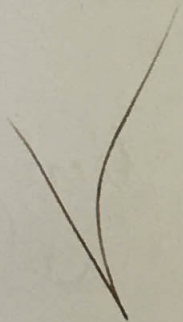
about \$4000 in it is
ahead of it.

663

Moline, Ill
Aug 27/79

J. A. Gillman
ex

China coin
order not
yet received



Recd Sept 1, 1879

H. P. Hickok, Pres.
C. W. Woodhouse, Cash.

Authorized Capital, \$1,000,000.
Paid in \$500,000.

Merchants National Bank

of Burlington, Vt. Aug 27 1879

Sept. 1880 Mint Exp. Cashier

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 25th

inst. is received with ~~stated~~ enclosures

Content noted. Respectfully

~~Enclose~~

C. W. Woodhouse

As we desire new coin
(tickets) and not such as
has been used, you will
please return my Dft.
(\$100.) now in your hands
sent you Aug 1st

Respectfully
C. W. Woodhouse

vogel

651

Burlington, VT
Aug 27/79

Mr. W. Woodhouse
Ct

Request return
of \$100. for nickel.

Recd Aug 30/79

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated

Jan 27

187

Received at

Superintendent

About

as I sent

order for

amounts

was hit

please

for five
road
money

618

Lancaster Pa
Aug 27 1799

J. S. Lytle

Was remittance
recd of 5. for proof
Coins.

Designated Depository and Financial Agent of the United States.

Second National Bank of Detroit.

Capital, \$1,000,000.

H. P. Baldwin, President.
 C. H. Buhl, Vice President.
 C. M. Davison, Cashier.
 J. M. Davison, Jr., Asst Cashier.

Detroit, Mich. Augt 27 1879

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Phil^a

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 25th, I beg leave to request that you will retain the \$500., sending us the minor coins as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

C. M. Davison

Vogel

647

Detrait, Mich
Aug 27/79

C. M. Davison
Cn

Retain amt of \$500.
& send mine coins
soon as possible

Recd Aug 29, 1879

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.
BANKERS.

New York, Aug 27 1879
Sup. Mt. Trust
Dear Sir:

Philadelphia
We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 25
inclosing check \$
100000.

We enclose receipts
duly signed by us
Truly
Jas Seligman & Co

633

New York
Aug 27 / 79

J. W. Seligman & Co.

Rec'd Check
\$100,000. —

Rec'd Aug 28 / 79

William Sampson, President.

Butler Ward, Cashier.

The First National Bank

Le Roy, N.Y. 8/28 1879

Director of U.S. Mint Esq. ~~Cashier~~

Philadelphia Dear Sir

Your favor of _____ Pa is received.

Enclose Draft \$ 100

Exchange &c. \$ 100 -

For which we would
thank you to send us
one cent coin (1¢) and
much oblige

Respectfully Yours

Butler Ward,

Cashier.

waiting further order
Sept 1/79
J K V

669.

Le Roy, N. Y.
Aug 28/79

Butler Ward Ch

Send \$100.
for 1 of As

V

Recd Sept 1/79

Second National Bank;
RAVENNA, O.

Aug 28

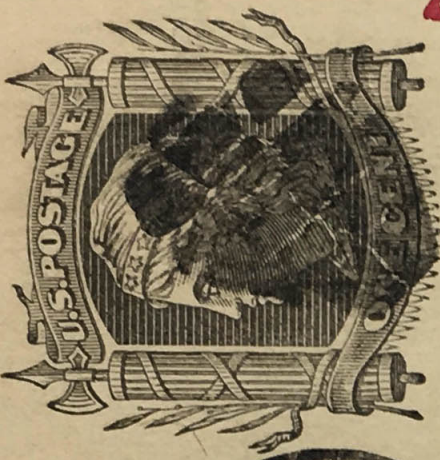
On the 13th inst
the Bank of St. Am.
deposited with you
\$150. for which you were
to send a corresponding
amt of Sticks and
Purses.

Where may look for
them? We need them
very much.

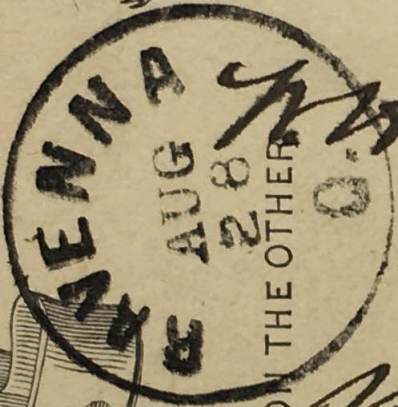
Yours truly
W. B. Butler
Bacon

109d

643



Ravenna, Ohio
Aug 28/79



W. H. Beebe
Cm



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Waiting the
150. minutes
coming around.

United States

Rec: Aug 29, 1879

METCALF & LUTHER, }
SPRINGFIELD, MASS, }
HOLYOKE FURNITURE CO. }
HOLYOKE, MASS. }

OFFICE OF

❖ METCALF ❖ & ❖ LUTHER, ❖

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., *Aug 28 1879*

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Gentlemen,

*I wish to obtain a proof set of
1879 up to and including the two (2)
Dollars (Trade & Standard).*

*Will you have the kindness to
inform me in the enclosed Postal
the expense of the same, and how I
shall remit.*

Truly

Resply, Yours,

Geo. P. Greenleaf

By.

W. S. 29

640

Springfield, Mass
Aug 28/79

Geo. P. Greenleaf

Wants proof
set for 1879, with
the 2 Silver doll,
Engel's price

Recd Aug. 29/79

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York Aug¹² 28th 1879

A London Sunday Evening
Sept 4th 1864. Phil - you
Oh

W^m sent you this day
an acct of our sale yesterday to the Director
of the Mint of 400^m 12⁵ C 112 42 as
advised separate letters, as follows
to wit -

Through P.M. of May 11 by Bus \$6.12 & 25
Am. Express 1.50 " 207.40 & 65

and for which we have asked the favor of
your sending us tomorrow in the care of
these two Banks approximate amounts on
account.

Very Respy
Handy & Pante

We will make you a
remittance of balance
to amount probably

New York
Aug 28/79

Hand & promise

Notice of shipment
of silver
of 86,128.35 BK & NY.
" 207,484.65 BK & NY
Wants approximate
pay.

Hand & promise

Recd Aug 29/79

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DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York Aug 29th 1879

A London London Co
Sup Mint Phil - Pa

the.

We send you this day (on acct
of our sale of fine silver to the Director of the Mint)
through the Bank of New York, of this City, "fine silver"
as per memo: herewith
to wit

by Pass - amt to \$6.124⁵⁵ 025 -

on account of which

Please send us, by return mail
in the care of Bank of New York this City, your 'Chou'
this City for an approximate amount on account.
and, the balance of proceeds, of this lot, in the
same case, whenever with complete returns are
ready.

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

New York
Aug. 28/79

Handy & Condit

Ships sailed
Oct. 86, 128.35
through Bklyn N.Y.
and request approp-
riate pay.

Handy & Condit

Recd Aug 29/79

Handy & Condit
Ships sailed
Oct. 86, 128.35
through Bklyn N.Y.
and request approp-
riate pay.

Handy & Condit



New York, Aug 28 1879.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We ship you today
per Adams Express Company
170 Silver Bars 999 fine
weighing 198,840.⁸⁵ ounces
against our yesterdays sale of
100,000. oz at 112 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀
50,000 " 112 ⁷⁸/₁₀₀
50,000 " 112 ⁸⁰/₁₀₀

Will you have the
kindness to send us your check for
an approximate amount; by return
of mail.

Very Truly Yours
J. M. Seligman & Co.

644

New York
Aug 28/79

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

Ships 198,840.85 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀
Silver - salary
Aug. 27.

Rec'd Aug 29. 1879

No 9

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York Aug 28th 1879A. Lundy Housen Esq
Supt Mint Phila - Pa
Dear Sir

We send you this day by the
Adams Express Co. through the Amer^{can} Exchange & Bk
this City - on account of our sale of yesterday to the
Director of the Mint - the fine silver of the enclosed
list, to wit

150 Dues amt \$ to 207.404 $\frac{65}{100}$

and will thank you to send us tomorrow in the
care of the aforesaid Amer^{can} Exchange & Bk, this
City - your check on the U.S. Treas^{ry} for an approximate
amount - and the balance of proceeds when
ascertained, in the same care, for our account

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

639

New York
Aug 28/79

Handy & Co.

Ships Silver
No. 207,484.65
through the N.Y. City
Bank; & request
approximate
payment

Handy & Co.

Recd Aug 29/79

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Julius Motter.

Office of

C. F. Davenport.

Motter & Davenport,

Dealers in

Bullion & Specie, & Commission Brokers in
STOCKS, BONDS &C.

Nos. 9 Wall Street & 2 New Street.

New York, Aug. 28th 1879

Hon. C. Gordon Howard
U. S. M. S. Office
Philad. & Phila
Dear Sir,

We have sold to
Director U. S. M. Washington
27th unit, of \$10,000. fine
Silber & 1.12,52, and have
forwarded to day.

10 Bags Contg of \$12.88 Mexican
3 " " 2.500 - mixed " "
for which please make
Remittance at your earliest
convenience.

Very respectfully

John Davenport

641

New York
Aug 28/79

Mollet & Davenport

Have shipped
8612.88 03
2,500, - 4
Silk - sold
Aug. 27.

Recd Aug 29/79

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE,

24 NASSAU ST.

New York Aug¹⁹ 1879

A London London Esq
Loph Mint Philadelphia
Pa.

We send you another
account of our sale of 400,000⁰⁰ to the Directors
on Wednesday last, and through the Amer^{en}
Exchange & Bank this City. The Bar Silver
and Coins of the accompanying list
to wit.

11 Bars fine Silver wgt⁹ 12992⁰⁰ 02⁵
52 Bars Ant⁹ @ 1000 } 52000 Mex Dollars
3 Bars odd Coins - 900 fine 3000 02⁵

for which

Please make return to us, Care of
The Amer^{en} Exchange & Bank - sending by tomorrow
in the care of said Bank a check for an
approximate amount as above - and balance
same way when ready

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

New York
Aug 28/79

Hand & Conise

Ships, Sillars, &
Am. Exch. Nat. Bank

of 12,922.00

of 52,000.00

of 3,000.00.

and requests of
proximate pay.

Rec Aug 28/79

George S. Coe, Pres.
Dumont Clarke, Cashr

American Exchange National Bank

128 Broadway

New York, Aug 28th 1879

A. V. Snowden by Supt. Mint
Dear Sir

Enclosed find letter
of Handy Ormize requesting
you to send in our care check
to their order for proceeds
of silver bars. Please conform
to their request. Oblige

Yours respy

W. M. C.

649

New York
Aug 28/79
Am. Exch. Nat Bk

D. Clark Esq

Enclosing
request from Handy &
Broide to send check
to this Bank for value
of their Silver.

Requests Com-
pearance with their
request

\$ 12,922.00

" 52,000.00

" 3,000.00

Recd Aug 29/79

C. Dewey, President.

1557.

Jno. C. Blake, Cashier.

The Raleigh National Bank,

OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Designated Depository of the United States and Financial Agent.

Raleigh, N. C. August 29 1879

Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

We have a lot
of Mexican Dollars & other foreign coins mutilated
and which we wish to get rid of. Could send
by to you & will you send check on N. T.
for proceeds.

Respectfully,
J. C. Blake, C.
R.

9/1/79

65-8

Raleigh, N. C.
Aug 29 1799

J. C. Blake ^{es}

Enquiring how to
dispose of Mexican
dolls, & other sun-
-related silver
cases.

Recd Sept 1/79

@ 8/1/79

Calumet O Aug 24/79
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Honored Sir;

I have invented a device for the prevention of Counterfeiting Coin and desire to know if the Govt is in need or would adopt such invention if found practical and efficacious? If I can have any assurance that my device would be adopted if so found, I would submit the model coins necessary to represent the matter at an early date through the Congressman from my district. If you will be kind enough to give me an early reply together with such other information on the subject you may be able to extend me you will very much oblige

Yours Obedt Servt
A. F. Boda
98 E. Chestnut St.

659.

Columbus, O,
Aug 29/79

A. F. Boda

Offers a device
to prevent counter-
feiting coins.

Recd Sept 1/79

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No 7100

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
AUG 12 1879
REGISTERED.

, 1879

Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Received the above-described letter.

Sign
here.

E. V. Reamy

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

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No. 7156

AUG. 12 1879

REGISTERED.

, 1879

Mailed at

by

U. S. Mint

a letter addressed to

Result Reas U.S.
San Francisco

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Keeney

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

Sign
here.

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No. 710

AUG. 12 1879

REGISTERED.

1879

Mailed at

by

W. S. Hunt

a letter addressed to

Adelbert Thomas
San Francisco

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED

Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Peckham

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

Sign
here.

for

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No 7145

REGISTERED.

1879

Mailed at

by W. F. Hunt

a letter addressed to

Asst. Treasurer
San Francisco Cal.

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco

CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Keams

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

Sign
here.

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No. 7144

REGISTERED.

1877

Mailed at

by W S Mint

a letter addressed to

Asst Treas U.S.
San Francisco

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco

CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Recome

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

Sign
here.

fr.

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No 7134

PHILADELPHIA PA
AUG 12 1879
REGISTERED.

187

Mailed at

by J. M. Minter

a letter addressed to

Adm. Treas. U.S.
San Francisco

Cal

Stamp here the office and date of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

Received the above-described letter.

E. A. Buewing

Sign }
here. }

fr ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

REGISTERED.

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No. *738*

AUG. 12 1879

REGISTERED.

1879

Mailed at

by

W. Munt

a letter addressed to

*Ass't Treas'ry
San Francisco
Cal*

Stamp here the office and date of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED

Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Peck

Sign
here.

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

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No. 7129

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
AUG. 12 1879
REGISTERED.

Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco

CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Sign
here.

Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Kelley

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

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No. 7128

REGISTERED.

187

Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco

CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Received the above-described letter.

E. A. Rector

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

Sign
here.

fr.

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No. 7148

REGISTERED.

1877

Mailed at

by

W. S. Hunt

a letter addressed to

Assist Treas U.S.
San Francisco

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Received the above-described letter.

E. A. Ransom

ASST. TREASURER, U.S.

Sign }
here. }

fr.

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No 7107

PHILADELPHIA, PA.
AUG. 12 1879
REGISTERED.

187

Mailed at

by

W. M. Mint

a letter addressed to

Miss Neas U.S.
San Francisco

Cal

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

REGISTERED.

Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Beatty

Sign
here.

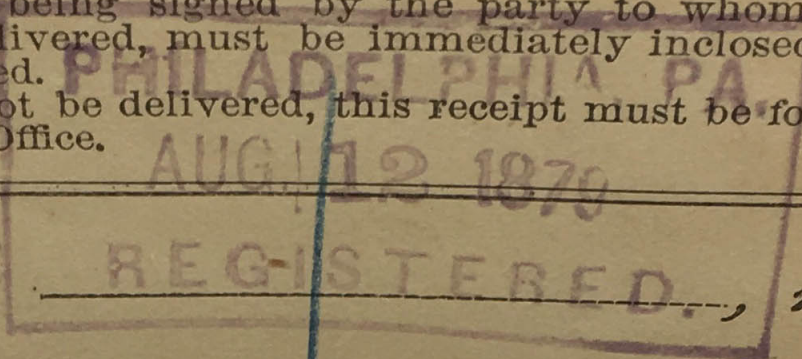
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Mailed at

by U.S. Mail

a letter addressed to

Assist Treas U.S.
San Francisco

Stamp here the office and date of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

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Received the above-described letter.

E. S. Bacon

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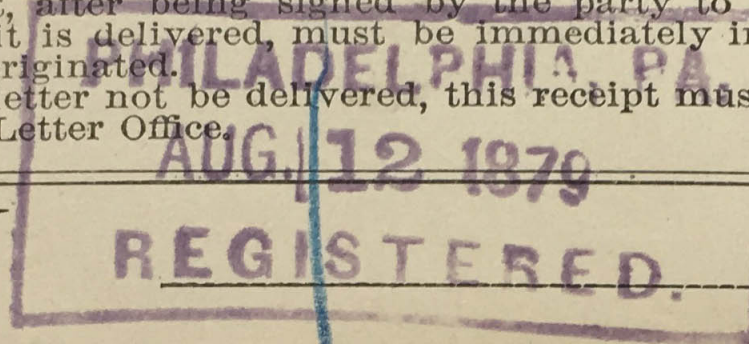
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Mailed at

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a letter addressed to

W. J. Munt
Asst. Treas.
San Francisco
Cal

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of delivery.

San Francisco
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1879

Mailed at

by

W. S. Hunt

a letter addressed to

Admiral Meade
San Francisco

Stamp here the office and date of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

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1877

Mailed at

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U. S. Mint

a letter addressed to

Asst Treas U S

San Francisco Co

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San Francisco

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by U. S. Mint

a letter addressed to

Miss Neas Uf.
San Francisco
Cal

Stamp here the office and date of delivery

San Francisco
CAL.

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E. S. Pullen

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San Francisco

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E. S. Peasey

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, 1877

Mailed at

by J. Munt

a letter addressed to

Alfred Pearson
San Francisco Cal

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1877

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E. V. Burns

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1877

Mailed at

by

a letter addressed to

Asst Treas
San Francisco
Cal.

Stamp here the office and date of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

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E. S. Peck

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a letter addressed to

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San Francisco
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E. S. Parsons

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a letter addressed to

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E. S. Pullons
for ASST. TREASURER, U. S.

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San Francisco Co

W. Munt

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, 1877

Mailed at

by

W. S. Muntz

a letter addressed to

Asst Treas U.S.
San Francisco Cal

Stamp here the office and date of delivery.

San Francisco

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AUG 20 1879

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, 1877

Mailed at

by W. S. Hunt

a letter addressed to Assist Treas U.S.
San Francisco Cal

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

AUG 20 1879

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E. S. Peckham

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AUG 12 1879
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1879

Mailed at

by U. S. Mum

a letter addressed to

Assist Treas U S
San Francisco CO
Cal

Stamp here the office and date
of delivery.

San Francisco
CAL.

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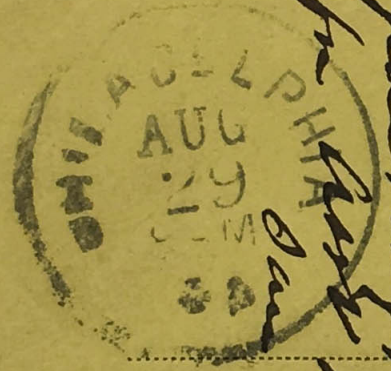
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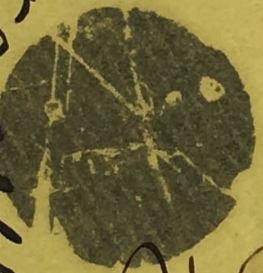
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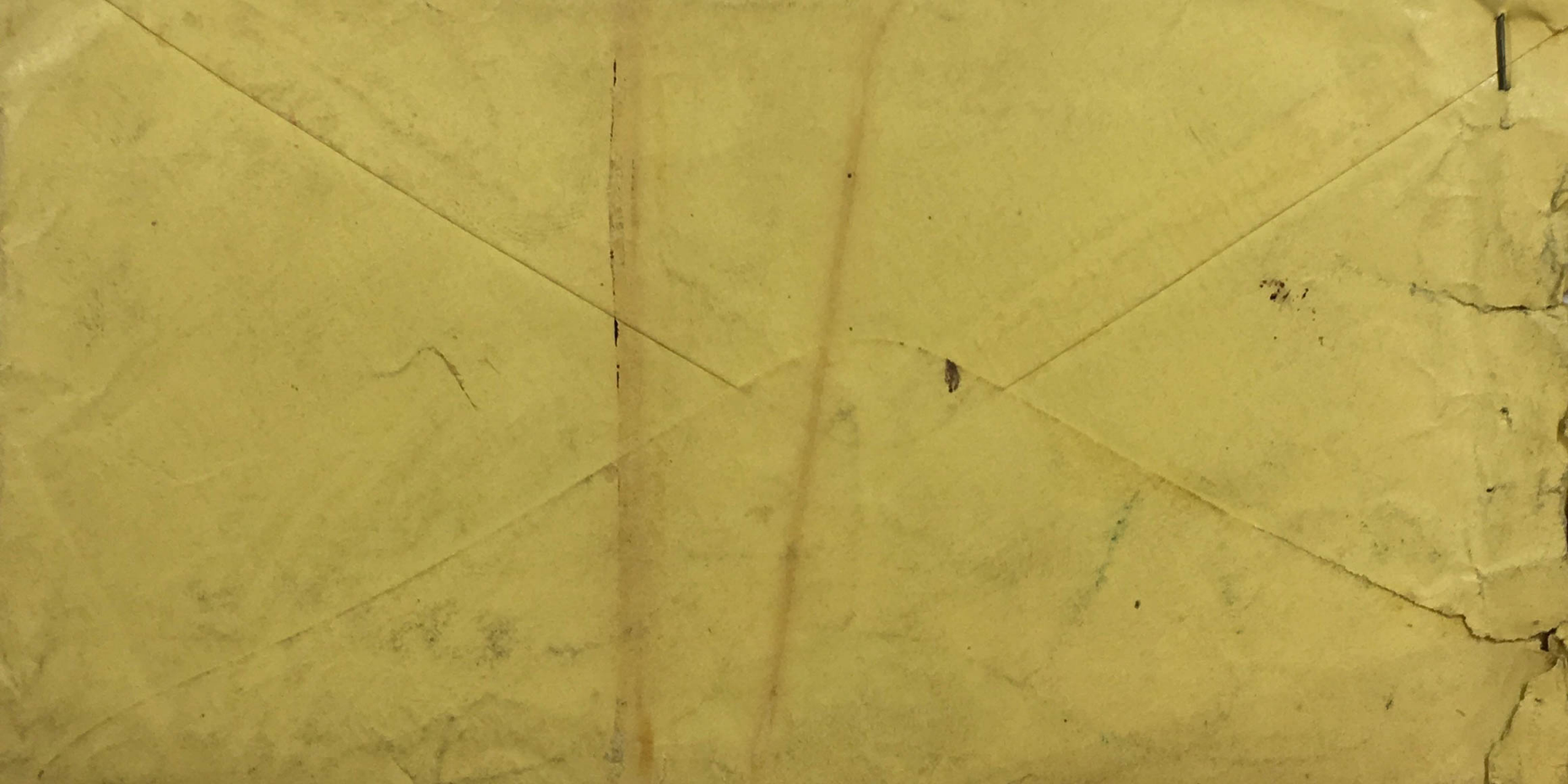
Recd Aug 29/75



*25 accepted for deposit
 for exchange of note
 for \$1000 from W.D. at
 San Francisco,*



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 Let them W.D.
 San Francisco
 Aug 20/75
 U.S. Min
 Recd
 Aug 20/75



1237.

J. B. Packer, President.

(CAPITAL, \$200,000.)

S. J. Packer, Cashier.

First National Bank of Sunbury

(Late Bank of Northumberland.)

Sunbury, Pa., Aug 29th 1879.

Superintendent of the U.S. Mint,

Dear Sir:

Philadelphia, Pa.,

Your favor of the _____ inst.,

with stated enclosures received.

For the inclosed draft # 171 for \$220.00
on "Union Natl Bk of Philada.", please cause to
be sent us, by express, \$100.00 of dimes
100.00 " 5^{cts} Nickel
20.00 " 1^{ct} pieces

and much oblige

Respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

S. J. PACKER, Cashier.

Per S. J. P.

665

Sumbury Pa
Aug 29/79

S. J. Parker Esq

Enclosing dft
of \$220. for dinner
& mine car,

✓

Rec Sept 4, 1879

ABINGTON NATIONAL BANK,

Abington, Mass., *Aug. 29.* 187*9*

Sup. of U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir:

I enclose Cashier's Ch.
for Forty dollars,
Please send me the amount
in one cent pieces, directed
to this Bank

new bronze cents.

Yours respectfully,

Waiting for the order
Sept 1/79 JN

J. N. Farrar Cashier

661.

Abington, Mass.

Aug 29/79

J. N. Farnsworth

Enclosing
check of \$40. for
1 & m.

Y

Recd Sept 1/79

INDIGO,

MADDER, CREAM TARTAR,

Flavoring Extracts

AND

Whole & Ground Spices.

P.O. BOX 3513.

OFFICE OF
PACKARD & JAMES
123 MAIDEN LANE.

New York, Aug 29th 1879

@ 8/30/79

Quartermaster of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

My Sir

Will you please inform
me what year the coinage of the
small silver 3 cent piece was
stopped & when the nickel was
first coined & of size

Yours Very Respectfully
Wm H. F. Co Jr
P.O. Box 3513
N.Y.

D.S.
Thin Envelope
and Paper enclosed

Brng 12/16/79

14	1857
3	1860
5	1865

654

New York
Aug 29/79

Mr. H. Taylor. Jr

Enquiries when
the Silver 3 f;
& the Nickel
was first coined

Recd Aug 30/79

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.
BANKERS.

New York, Aug 29 1879
Supt U.S. Mint

Dear Sir:

Philadelphia

We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 28th
inclosing check \$ 38,053.⁷¹/₁₀₀

We enclose receipts
duly signed by us.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Seligman

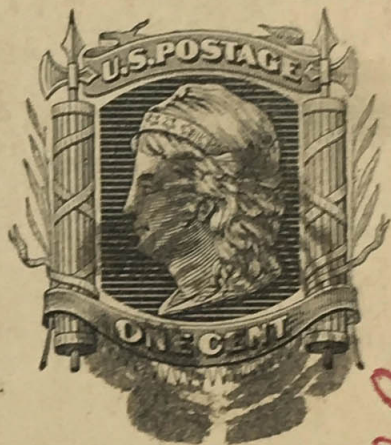
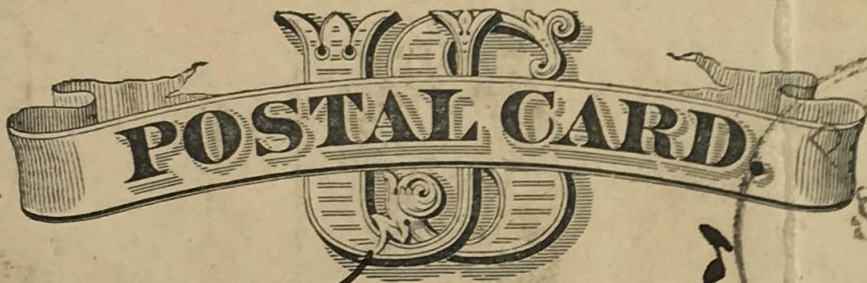
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New York
Aug 29/79

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

Rec'd check
\$38,053.71

Rec'd Aug 30/79



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Dec 24th 1779

2 of 2 returned

March 14

F P
 OTHER
 N D
 William Smith
 Esq

Peru 30/79

685

E. H. SHIRK, Pres't,

MILTON SHIRK, Cashier.

First National Bank.

Capital, - - - \$100,000 00.

Surplus and Profits, - \$300,000 00.

Peru, Ind., *J. G. S.* 1879

Dear Sir:—

Your favor *J. G. S.* inst. is received with enclosure as stated.

Yours Truly,

MILTON SHIRK,

CASHIER

*Please Mr. -
wish the Commission
ordered. In answer
to your of Aug 16th
if you care for
it, do so.
I will return and
the draft - send -
your oblige*

Capital and Surplus, \$116,000.

P. B. PLUMB, Prest.

C. HOOD, Vice Prest.

L. T. HERITAGE, Cashier.

J. M. STEELE, Ass't Cashier.

—1983—

EMPORIA NATIONAL BANK.

Emporia, Kansas, Dec 30 1879

Director W. Hunt
Phil^a

Received of Mr
#4255 \$2000.
for which please send us
Standard Silver dollars

Ralph
C. Hood

682

Emporia, Kansas
Aug 30 / 79

C. Hood Vt.

Sends a/c
\$2,000 for
Standard silver
dollars.

V

Rec Sept 3. 1879

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.
BANKERS.

New York, Aug 29 1879
Capt W. S. Triggs
Dear Sir:

Philadelphia
We beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of the 29
inclosing check \$500,000—
\$178,000—

we enclose receipts
fully signed by us—

Truvs
J. W. Seligman

668.

New York
Aug 30/79

J. P. W. Seligman & Co

Rec'd check \$178,000.

V

Rec'd Sept 1/79

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 30th, 1879

Sir,
Your letter of the 28th instant transmitting statement of silver purchased at your Mint from August 18th to 23^d inclusive. has been received.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Pinchard
Director

A. London Snowden Esq
Superintendent
Philadelphia

619

Dell

Washington D.C.

Aug 30/79

Horatio C. Burchard

Reid Statement

Silver purchased

Aug 18 @ 23/79

Recd Sept 1/79

R. T. HARVEY & SONS,

DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES,

HARVEY'S OPERA BLOCK, No. 928 THIRD AVENUE,

HUNTINGTON, W. VA. Aug 30 1879

A. Souden Snowden Esq
Sup^r of the Mint
Philadelphia Penn
Dr Sir,

We are in receipt
of Acct of purchase and returns of
100 Mexican Dollars, Sent Geo. C.
Thompson Agent Adams Express
Co to deposit in Mint and return
us in U. S. Coin their value.

From the Acct of purchase sent
us by Mr Thompson, with your
Signature attached thereto - the 100
Mexican Dollars sent only weighed
86 oz. 35 dec And we only got
\$85.09.

Can it be possible that 100
Mexican Dollars are only worth in
U. S. Coin \$85.09? If such is the
fact, the business Men of the Country

Should be informed of it. -

An answer is kindly solicited -

Very Truly

W. S. Harvey Esq.

8635

8620

P.S.

The Memorandum of purchase
sent us is N^o 375. dated 14th
August 1879.

Very Truly

R. S. & Sons

Good American dollars are not up to weight. The
fineness should be 900 or 902 when the fineness
is only 890½ there is evidence of there having
been some counterfeit money of our coin also the
weight would indicate some counterfeits.

The deposit of has been examined without any
improvement in the present

673

78/9673

Rec^d Sept 2nd 1879.

677

Huntington, W. Va
Aug. 30/79

Re. J. Harvey & Son

Complains of
Returns for Mexican
Dollars sent to the
mint.

✓

Recd Sept 2/79

If of fine weight Mexican dollars
\$100 = 30 86.67 = @ 902 fine
112 per oz fine = \$87.55 less
50¢ for melting =

at 86.35 actual weight -
902 fine = \$87.23 = less
50¢ for melting -

No. 375

MEMORANDUM OF SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

at Philadelphia, the 14th day of August, 1879, from Geo. C. Thompson, by James B. Lee.

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION.	WEIGHT.				FINENESS.	STANDARD WEIGHT.		NET VALUE.			
	BEFORE MELTING.		AFTER MELTING.			1000ths.	Ounces.	Dec.	@ \$1008 per oz. st'd w't. 100	Dollars.	Cts.
	Ounces.	Dec.	Ounces.	Dec.							
Mex Dolls.	86	35	86	20	890 1/2	85	29	86	59		
Duplicated						Charges		50			
								85	09		
NOTE.—This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and of no other value.											

I CERTIFY that the net amount of the above Purchase is Eighty five 99 -
Dollars, payable only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number issued

A. LOUDON SNOWDEN,

Superintendent of the Mint.

In Stand'd Dolls. \$ 85.09

" Gold Coin - - \$

" Silver Coin - - \$

" Gold Bars - - \$

By

W. B. Pollock

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 30, 1879.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th instant relative to making payment of the approximate value on delivery of Silver bullion purchased for your Mint, and I have to state in reply that no reflection nor intimation of any delay on your part in making payment was intended by my letter of the 28th instant, which was called out by the telegraphic request of Messrs Hanoy & Cronise, and a letter from them in which it was stated that they were under an expense of \$80. per day on account of interest

and that they would like to receive an approximate payment on the delivery of their bullion

As the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury of October 17th 1878, informs bidders that "Where the bars offered bear the stamp of Well known private Assayers, or Refiners the Superintendent of the Mint at which delivery is made will be instructed to pay at his discretion and pending melt and assay such approximate value as he may regard safe and proper" it is a part of the contract and bidders have a right to expect payment of approximate value on the delivery of their bullion, and there is no doubt that such payments act as an inducement to them to offer silver bullion at better rates than they

would if such payments were
not made.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Birchard

Printer

A. London Snowden Esq
Superintendent
Philadelphia

D.M.

Washington D.C.

Aug 30/79

Honorable Bushard

No reflection
on Sept intended.

Secy's Circular of
Oct. 17. 1878 makes
approximate pay-
ments part of the
Contract with Selling
of Silver Bullion
& is an induced
ment to better terms
for the Govt.

Recd Sept 1/79

Recd Sept. 1. 1879

Treasury of the United States,

Washington,

August 29th, 1879.

Sir,

I credit your account this day with Fifty thousand
dollars, (\$50,000 —)

100

as a transfer of funds for Standard Silver Dollars of like amount
received as per Transfer Order No 8705 —

Very respectfully,

Wm. A. Riker

Treasurer U. S.

Capt. W. S. Minch

Philadelphia

Pa

Received of
Washington D.C.
Aug 29/79

Jas. Gillman

Cash. Sept 7/90 with
5,000 St. Louis doll.
Recd. for J.C. #8705

Recd Aug 30/79

DEALERS IN
BULLION & SPECIE.

P.O. Box, 2442.

Banking House
OF
HANDY & CRONISE.

24 NASSAU ST.

New York Apr 29 1879

London Messrs, Esq
Lph Mint Phil - pa
Sir.

We omitted to say
in our letter that we send the Mexican
Dollars on account of our sale ^{with} return
to us as heretofore, in similar cases, on
the basis of an sale for fine silver contained
in the said Coins, without refining charges.
The Dollar will probably run 90¢ @
90 3/4 fine - and we may send you tomorrow
the balance due on our sale in Mex^{ca}
Dollars

Very Respy
Handy & Cronise

655

New York
Aug 29/79

Hand & Provision

Mexican Dollars
Sent, not subject
to returning charges

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Robert Garrett & Sons,
No. 7 SOUTH STREET.

Baltimore,

Aug. 20th 1879.

A. L. Landon, Esq.

Wm. H. H. H.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of
26th inst. and am much obliged for the
report forwarded.

Kindly send me the circular of prices
for the inst. issues of 1879.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Garrett

to 9/1/79

662

Baltimore. Md
Aug 30 1799

Aug 30 1799

J. H. Garret

Thanks for Report
Sent, & request
price list by Coin
for 1879

Recd Sept 1/79

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879/AUGUST

